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4 Bandy, Barton, Beasley, Beck, Beech, Bentley, Black, Boothe,  
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6 Curtis, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, England, Faust, Fields,  
7 Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham,  
8 Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon,  
9 Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hurst, Irons,  
10 Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird, Letson, Lewis,  
11 Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell, McClammy,  
12 McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McDaniel, McLaughlin,  
13 McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morrow,  
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne, Robinson (J),  
15 Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott, Sherer,  
16 Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas (J), Todd,  
17 Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams (J), Williams  
18 (P), Wood and Wren  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF COLONEL ROBERT LEWIS HOWARD.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with an inconsolable sense of loss  
11 that news is received of the death of a native son who became  
12 one of America's greatest heroes, United States Army Colonel  
13 (Retired) Robert Lewis Howard, on December 23, 2009, at the  
14 age of 70 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Colonel Howard was credited with being the  
16 most decorated American soldier in history, having been  
17 awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, two Distinguished  
18 Service Crosses, the Silver Star, four Bronze Stars, eight  
19 Purple Hearts, and scores of additional citations for valor  
20 and merit during the course of his 36-year career; and

21 WHEREAS, born in Opelika on July 11, 1939, he  
22 enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 and retired as a full  
23 Colonel in 1992; during the Vietnam War, he served in the  
24 Green Berets and spent most of his five tours of duty in the  
25 covert Special Operations Group that carried out some of the  
26 most daring and dangerous missions ever conducted by the  
27 American military; he was wounded 14 times in 54 months; and

1           WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor citation described his  
2           action on a mission to rescue a missing American soldier in  
3           enemy-controlled territory: although a grenade attack had left  
4           him weaponless, wounded, and unable to walk, he managed to  
5           crawl through a hail of fire to retrieve his critically  
6           wounded platoon leader, then administered first aid and  
7           rallied his platoon to repulse the enemy for more than three  
8           hours, gaining sufficient control to permit the landing of  
9           rescue helicopters; he was cited for conspicuous gallantry,  
10          intrepidity, and complete devotion to the welfare of his men  
11          at the risk of his life; and

12          WHEREAS, Colonel Howard was nominated for the Medal  
13          of Honor two additional times for extraordinary heroism within  
14          a 13-month period; he holds the distinction of being the only  
15          soldier in history to be nominated for the nation's highest  
16          honor three times for three separate actions, and although an  
17          individual can receive only one Medal of Honor, the men who  
18          served with Colonel Howard said he deserved all three; and

19          WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his children  
20          and grandchildren, as well as his siblings who reside in  
21          Alabama: brother and sister, Steve Howard and Frances Jackson  
22          of Prattville, and sisters, Judy Roberts and Alice Carter of  
23          Opelika; and

24          WHEREAS, Colonel Howard's burial with full military  
25          honors is scheduled on February 22, 2010, in Arlington  
26          National Cemetery; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2           THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of United States  
3           Army Colonel (Retired) Robert Lewis Howard is recorded with  
4           deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in highest  
5           tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to his  
6           grieving family for the loss of an American hero of  
7           unparalleled stature.