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7 Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham, Grantland,
8 Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon, Harper, Hill,
9 Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, 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 COMMENDING FREDDIE H.E. JONES, II, FOR ORGANIZING
9 THE CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF VIETNAM VETERANS.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a privilege to recognize and commend
12 Freddie H.E. Jones, II, for organizing a special ceremony to
13 honor our Vietnam Veterans on April 30, 2010, in Birmingham,
14 Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, although it has been 37 years since the
16 Vietnam Veterans served the cause of justice in Southeast
17 Asia, their commitment and dedication continues to deserve the
18 highest praise; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2007, the United States Congress, by
20 separate Senate and House Resolutions, declared that a Welcome
21 Home Vietnam Veterans Day should be established; and

22 WHEREAS, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day is
23 observed in many states each year, recognizing the
24 contributions and honoring the sacrifices of our valiant
25 veterans;

1 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from
2 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in
3 conflict with the United States and South Vietnam; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1965, there were 80,000 United States
5 troops in Vietnam, and by 1969, a peak of approximately
6 543,000 troops was reached; and

7 WHEREAS, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris
8 was signed, which required the release of all United States
9 prisoners of war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of
10 all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

11 WHEREAS, on March 30, 1973, the United States Armed
12 Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, more than 58,000 members of the United
15 States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than
16 300,000 were wounded; and

17 WHEREAS, some 1,200 members from Alabama were
18 mortally wounded while countless others were injured; for each
19 of those 1,200 members, there are family members and friends
20 around the state and the nation whose suffering knows no
21 bounds; and

22 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Alabama owe
23 never-ending gratitude to our soldiers in Vietnam who
24 courageously defended American freedoms against ruthless
25 enemies, yet no amount of gratitude can adequately compensate
26 these patriots for their pain, suffering, and disruption to
27 their lives; and

1 WHEREAS, we welcome the Vietnam Veterans to our
2 communities as people who love this county and who have put
3 their lives at stake for freedom and democracy for all, and
4 their service should never be forgotten; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Freddie H.E. Jones, II, is
7 recognized and commended for organizing the special ceremony
8 to honor our valiant Vietnam Veterans on April 30, 2010, in
9 Birmingham, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
10 and deepest appreciation to him on behalf of the citizens of
11 the State of Alabama, who hold him in great esteem.