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3 By Senators Taylor, Dial and Williams
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8 COMMENDING FIRST SERGEANT RICHARD MITCHELL FOR HIS
9 HEROIC ACTIONS AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to First Sergeant Richard
13 Mitchell for his heroic actions and outstanding leadership
14 while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a
15 member of the 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment of the
16 172nd Infantry Brigade; and

17 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Richard Mitchell and his
18 company of soldiers were deployed from Germany in July 2011
19 and served at COP (Combat Out Post) Margah, considered the
20 most attacked U.S. installation in all of Afghanistan at the
21 time, returning in June 2012; during their deployment, they
22 were constantly being engaged in conflict by members of the
23 Taliban, resulting in hundreds of fire fights, numerous
24 indirect fire attacks, and multiple attempts by the enemy to
25 overrun their COP; and

26 WHEREAS, during conflicts, First Sergeant Mitchell
27 directed all of his company's actions; he provided expert

1 guidance borne from his knowledge and experience and used
2 tactics and techniques, not found in an infantryman's manual,
3 to ensure the safety and victory for his company of soldiers;
4 his company experienced only one combat related fatality
5 because of his exceptional direction; and

6 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Mitchell willingly placed
7 himself in imminent danger with a high risk of death to stop a
8 Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) from
9 entering his company's COP and killing most, if not all, of
10 the soldiers; he received severe injuries and was medevaced
11 from the COP to a nearby hospital; and

12 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Mitchell is a true American
13 hero whose noble character and qualities saved lives; and

14 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Mitchell's unwavering
15 commitment to excellence in the defense of freedom and
16 democracy reflects honor upon the entire United States of
17 America, and he is truly deserving of special recognition; now
18 therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That First Sergeant Richard
21 Mitchell is highly honored and commended, and this resolution
22 is offered in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with
23 sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.