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8 RECOGNIZING JIMMY PATTERSON AS AN UNSUNG HERO.

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10 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
11 Jimmy Patterson of the Bluff Springs Community as an Unsung
12 Hero; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson served with much honor as a
14 helicopter pilot in the heat of battle in Vietnam; he belonged
15 to one of the most renowned division of pilots in history
16 flying "Dustoff Missions," which entailed evacuating wounded
17 soldiers and required immense bravery under fire; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson faced numerous close calls,
19 and he and his fellow pilots saved thousands of lives during
20 "Dustoff Missions"; he was involved in rescue missions for one
21 of the most famous battles known as the "Battle of Hamburger
22 Hill" in the treacherous Ashau Valley; and

23 WHEREAS, after his meritorious service, Mr.
24 Patterson served as an administrative officer for outpatient
25 clinics while stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama; through the
26 years, he earned widespread respect and admiration for his
27 tireless dedication and exceptional abilities while overseeing

1 an aviation battalion in Montgomery, Alabama, serving as an
2 operations officer for the Army Surgeons office in the
3 Pentagon, and serving as a member of the Jacksonville National
4 Guard Unit; he came out of retirement to serve during
5 Operation Desert Storm and was stationed at Ft. McClellan
6 during this time; and

7 WHEREAS, a 1975 graduate of Auburn University, he
8 served as a Clay County Commissioner and operated Patterson's
9 Store in Bluff Springs; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson's unwavering commitment to
11 excellence in the defense of freedom and democracy, along with
12 his profound presence within the community reflect immense
13 credit upon the entire State of Alabama, and he is truly
14 deserving of special commendation and praise; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Jimmy Patterson is highly
17 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him
18 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
19 best wishes for the future.