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3 By Senator Dial
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4 ENROLLED, SJR18,

5 RECOGNIZING JIMMY PATTERSON AS AN UNSUNG HERO.

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7 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
8 Jimmy Patterson of the Bluff Springs Community as an Unsung
9 Hero; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 16-FEB-17

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