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4 ENROLLED, SJR65,

5 HONORING AMERICANS KILLED IN THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON

6 PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII.

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8 WHEREAS, at 7:55 a.m. on December 7, 1941, the

9 Japanese Navy launched an attack on the United States Pacific

10 Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in one of the most notorious

11 acts of unprovoked aggression in world military history; and

12 WHEREAS, at Pearl Harbor, the Japanese sank or

13 severely damaged 18 American military vessels, including eight

14 battleships, three light cruisers, and three destroyers; 161

15 American airplanes were destroyed and an additional 102

16 airplanes were seriously damaged; and

17 WHEREAS, the attack on Pearl Harbor was the seminal

18 event in the American role in World War II; on December 8,

19 1941, the United States Congress complied with President

20 Franklin Delano Roosevelt's request for a formal Declaration

21 of War against Japan; President Roosevelt famously and

22 prophetically called December 7, 1941, "a date which will live

23 in infamy"; three days later, the governments of Germany and

24 Italy officially declared war on the United States of America;

25 and

1 WHEREAS, while America's entry into World War II was
2 likely inevitable, the Japanese attack hastened that entry
3 and, thus, hastened the end of the fascist governments of Nazi
4 Germany and Italy, as well as the War itself; Pearl Harbor has
5 come to be emblematic of the very nature of the resolve of the
6 American people; the Allied victory in World War II, under the
7 leadership of the United States, established America not only
8 as the preeminent power in the Western World, but also as the
9 foremost guarantor of liberty and peace on the planet; and

10 WHEREAS, the attacks took the lives of no fewer than
11 2,400 American Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and civilians,
12 including dozens of Alabamians; the survivors bear the scars
13 of one of the most brutal and unjustified acts of violence
14 ever perpetrated against the United States, but also the
15 thanks of a great nation and the knowledge that the sacrifices
16 of the living and the dead at Pearl Harbor became part of
17 something much greater; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor those
20 Alabamians and their fellow Americans who were injured or
21 killed in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and that we
22 honor the service of the survivors of the attacks.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
24 resolution will be provided to the delegation of students from
25 Theodore High School that will be visiting Pearl Harbor in

1 April 2010, for inclusion in their commemoration of the
2 sacrifices of those Alabamians who were injured or killed at
3 Pearl Harbor.

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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.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

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