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3 By Senators Dial, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders, Sanford,
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8 ENCOURAGING STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND
9 UNIVERSITIES TO WAIVE OUT-OF-STATE TUITION FOR THE DEPENDENTS
10 OF CERTAIN DISABLED ALABAMA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN.
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12 WHEREAS, under the Alabama G.I. and Dependents'
13 Educational Benefit Act, the dependents of certain Alabama
14 disabled veterans were entitled to receive free tuition, fees,
15 and books at state institutions of higher education and state
16 trade schools; and

17 WHEREAS, Act 2017-349, 2017 Regular Session, which
18 amended numerous sections of the Alabama G.I. and Dependents'
19 Educational Benefit Act, included a requirement that
20 dependents of certain Alabama disabled veterans, who are
21 living outside of Alabama, pay out-of-state tuition rates; and

22 WHEREAS, the total number of affected dependents is
23 low; and

24 WHEREAS, Section 31-6-15 of the Code of Alabama
25 1975, provides that any "amount of in-state tuition, books, or
26 fees not paid by the combination of federal, state, and third

1 party funds may be billed to students receiving such benefits
2 or waived by the institution or school; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That state-supported institutions
5 of higher education and community and technical colleges in
6 the state are encouraged to waive out-of-state tuition for
7 those dependents of Alabama disabled veterans who are affected
8 by Act 2017-349 and who enroll in the institution or college.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
10 resolution be provided to each institution and college so that
11 they may know of our intent.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in turn, each
13 institution and college notify the Chair of the Senate Finance
14 and Taxation Education Committee, the Chair of the House Ways
15 and Means Education Committee, and the Commissioner of the
16 Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs of its intent to waive
17 out-of-state tuition pursuant to this resolution.