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HJR___ COMMENDING COLONEL KEITH H. LEWIS FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.

WHEREAS, it is a privilege to highly commend and honor Colonel Keith H. Lewis for his many years of dedicated service to his country and the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Lewis was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1940; he attended Findlay College in Findlay, Ohio, where he earned a Bachelor Degree; he enlisted in the United States Air Force on November 1, 1963; completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in January 1964; entered Officer Training School and was later commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on March 31, 1964; completed Undergraduate Pilot Training and was awarded his pilot wings at Craig Air Force Base, Alabama, in May 1965; and completed F-4 Phantom II Combat Crew Training at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, from May 1965 to October 1965; and

WHEREAS, some of Colonel Lewis's other achievements during his distinguished career include serving as an F-4 Pilot deployed with the 45th and then the 559th Tactical Fighter Squadron to Cam Ranh Bay Air Base, South Vietnam,



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26 from December 1965 to October 1966; serving as Base
27 Protestant Chaplain with the 3700th Air Base Group at
28 Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, from July 1976 to August
29 1978; and serving as Center Staff Chaplain at Lowry Training
30 Center, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, from September 1990
31 until his retirement from the United States Air Force on
32 August 1, 1993; following retirement, he was a Reverend and
33 served as Rector of Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in Jasper,
34 Alabama, from November 1993 to March 2007; he has been
35 serving as Rector of Good Shepherd Anglican Church in Jasper
36 since November 2010; and

37 WHEREAS, Colonel Lewis holds a Bronze Star Medal with
38 Valor, which he earned for his heroic actions against an
39 opposing armed force while he was a Prisoner of War in North
40 Vietnam; he courageously and selflessly took complete care
41 of a seriously wounded fellow prisoner without any
42 assistance; and

43 WHEREAS, the true epitome of a valiant hero, Colonel
44 Lewis is a remarkable leader and inspiration in the lives of
45 many; now therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
47 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Colonel Keith H. Lewis is
48 highly commended and honored for his many years of dedicated
49 service to his country and the United States Air Force, and



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50 this resolution hereby serves as a tribute to him with
51 warmest gratitude, admiration, and regard.