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2 By Senators Butler, Melson, Stutts, Orr
3 RFD: RULES
4 First Read: 25-May-23
5 2023 Regular Session



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 SJR___ DESIGNATING JOHN WADE KEYES AS ONE OF ALABAMA'S FIRST
4 VETERANS.

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6 WHEREAS, Alabama is currently home to approximately
7 324,000 veterans of the United States military; and

8 WHEREAS, Alabamians who have been veterans of the
9 nation's armed forces are often honored for having performed
10 the highest duty of United States citizenship; and

11 WHEREAS, this critical civic duty was performed
12 initially by those who served in the Continental Army and
13 state militias during the American Revolution; and

14 WHEREAS, these first American veterans sacrificed
15 blood and treasure to establish the constitutional republic
16 of the United States of America; and

17 WHEREAS, an estimated 1,220 of these Revolutionary
18 War Patriots had an association with Alabama after the War;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, one of these Patriots who is now buried in
21 the historic section of the city cemetery in Athens,
22 Alabama, served in one of the first ten rifle companies
23 created by the Second Continental Congress in June 1775; and

24 WHEREAS, research and documentation substantiate the
25 claim that this Revolutionary War veteran and his unit
26 undertook a 600-mile march to join General Washington at the
27 outset of hostilities with the British; and

28 WHEREAS, his early service predates by a year the



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29 Declaration of Independence of 1776; and

30 WHEREAS, a recent assessment of other Revolutionary
31 War Veterans indicated that no other Continental Army
32 veteran with an association to Alabama had prior service;
33 now therefore,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
35 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That John Wade Keyes of Limestone
36 County is highly honored and recognized as one of Alabama's
37 first veterans of the armed forces of the United States of
38 America.



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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 Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Amended and passed: 01-Jun-23

Senate concurred in House amendment 01-Jun-23

By: Senator Butler