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A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND THANKING CONGRESSMAN CARL ELLIOTT AND SENATOR LISTER HILL FOR THEIR WORK IN AUTHORING AND PASSING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION ACT OF 1958

WHEREAS, Congressman Carl A. Elliott Sr. and Senator Lister J. Hill were graduates of The University of Alabama and The University of Alabama School of Law

WHEREAS, Congressman Elliott and Senator Hill were both elected to the office of the presidency of the Student Government Association during their time at the Capstone

WHEREAS, Congressman Elliott and Senator Hill co-authored the National Defense Education Act (NDEA) of 1958, an act which opened the doors of federal funding to education and established the first student loan program for college students

WHEREAS, Congressman Elliott also co-authored the Library Services Act of 1956, which provided federal funding for the establishment of public libraries and bookmobiles in rural areas

WHEREAS, by the time Carl Elliott accepted the inaugural John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Profile in Courage Award in 1990, the National Defense Education Act had been used to finance higher education by more than twenty million students in the United States

WHEREAS, Congressman Elliott and Senator Hill were committed to bettering the lives of all Alabamians and Americans, and by co-authoring and shepherding the NDEA to passage extended the possibility of affording a college education to individuals of all races, genders, and socioeconomic statuses
BE IT RESOLVED, That the 23rd Senate of the Student Government Association commends and thanks, to the highest degree, Congressman Elliott and Senator Hill for their role in authoring and passing the National Defense Education Act of 1958 and making the possibility of affording a college education a reality for more than twenty million students in the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Student Government Association commends and thanks graduates of the University and members of Congressman Elliott’s staff Dr. Mary Allen Jolley (Hon.) and Mr. Julian Butler, former President of the Student Government Association, for their tireless work in helping to advance both the National Defense Education Act and Congressman Elliott’s vision for a better Alabama and America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of The University of Alabama; J. Price McGiffert Jr., President of the Student Government Association; Dr. Donald Gilstrap, Dean of Libraries; Dr. Mary Allen Jolley (Hon.); Mr. Julian Butler, former President of the Student Government Association; Mr. Carl A. Elliott III; The Carl Elliott House Museum; The Carl Elliott Regional Library; The Crimson White Media Group (for informational purposes).