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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY JOSEPH WORDELL OF THE JEFFERSON  
9 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND HIS K-9 PARTNER DIESEL AS NOMINEES  
10 FOR THE 2018 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW  
11 ENFORCEMENT.

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13 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
14 recognize Deputy Joseph Wordell of the Jefferson County  
15 Sheriff's Office and his K-9 partner Diesel as nominees for  
16 the 2018 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law  
17 Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for  
18 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2017, Deputy Joseph Wordell and Diesel  
20 led in the number of dangerous fugitives successfully tracked,  
21 drug seizures, and recovery of an explosive device; they were  
22 deployed 24 times for fleeing suspects and located 13 of those  
23 suspects, and they were deployed 31 times for narcotics  
24 searches and located drugs 24 of those times; they also  
25 discovered materials used for making a pipe bomb in a house;  
26 and

1           WHEREAS, without a moment's hesitation, Deputy  
2 Wordell and Diesel placed themselves in the line of peril and  
3 captured dangerous fugitives, confiscated harmful drugs, and  
4 located a potentially lethal explosive device; and

5           WHEREAS, Deputy Joseph Wordell and Diesel  
6 demonstrated immense courage, diligence, and quick response in  
7 life-threatening situations; their loyalty and unwavering  
8 commitment to protect and serve the residents of Jefferson  
9 County were evidenced through their willingness to make the  
10 quick and proper response in order to protect the lives of  
11 others; and

12           WHEREAS, Deputy Joseph Wordell and Diesel epitomize  
13 the qualities of those who serve and protect, and they are  
14 truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the  
15 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

16           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
17 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor  
18 Deputy Joseph Wordell and Diesel as nominees for the 2018  
19 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that  
20 they receive a copy of this resolution as evidence of our  
21 admiration and esteem.