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8 RECOGNIZING FIRST RESPONDERS OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

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10 WHEREAS, in the pre-dawn hours of March 13, 2018, a  
11 bus carrying approximately 45 students of Channelview High  
12 School home to Texas after a trip to Orlando, Florida, ran off  
13 the road on Interstate 10 in Baldwin County and plunged down a  
14 60-foot ravine at Cowpen Creek; and

15 WHEREAS, more than 60 first responders from multiple  
16 law enforcement agencies, fire and rescue agencies, and  
17 emergency medical ground and air units all responded to the  
18 scene; rescue personnel had to rappel down the concrete walls  
19 of the embankment to reach the bus, which lay on its side at  
20 the bottom of the ravine; many of the injured then had to be  
21 hauled up the ravine by first responders; and

22 WHEREAS, starting in the dark soon after the 5:30  
23 a.m. accident, crews worked more than three hours to free  
24 victims from the wreck; and

25 WHEREAS, one person, driver Harry Caligone of  
26 Houston, Texas, died in the accident; at least six passengers  
27 were critically or seriously injured; all the students and

1 adult passengers on the bus were transported to area  
2 hospitals; and

3 WHEREAS, at that moment of tragedy, dedicated first  
4 responders and local residents did not hesitate to do all they  
5 could to rescue victims, comfort families and provide whatever  
6 services possible to deal with this emergency; in addition to  
7 those working at the scene, personnel worked for hours to  
8 divert traffic away from the scene on Interstate 10; the staff  
9 and congregation of Coastal Church in Daphne opened their  
10 facility to provide space for accident victims and their  
11 families to be reunited; and

12 WHEREAS, the dedication, courage, professionalism,  
13 and self-sacrifice of the firefighters, paramedics, police,  
14 sheriff's deputies, helicopter crews, hospital workers, and  
15 others who responded in this emergency helped relieve  
16 suffering and possibly save lives during this tragedy; now  
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby honor and commend  
20 all of those first responders and others who did not hesitate  
21 to do all they could to help their fellow citizens during this  
22 difficult time.