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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Rowe and Baker
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING OFFICER JOSHUA GARLEN OF THE MADISON
4 POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2018 ALABAMA
5 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
8 recognize Officer Joshua Garlen of the Madison Police
9 Department as a nominee for the 2018 Alabama Legislative Medal
10 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
11 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
12 duty; and

13 WHEREAS, for exceptionally valorous and intelligent
14 police services, protecting the lives and safety of others as
15 well as his own, during the attempted pursuit and apprehension
16 of a domestic violence offender, Officer Joshua Garlen
17 distinguished himself among his peers for decisive action that
18 ended an immediate threat to officers, the general public, and
19 the victim of domestic violence on October 1, 2017; and

20 WHEREAS, in a effort to defend himself from a
21 violent assault with a truck and prevent further injury to
22 himself and others, Officer Garlen drew his service weapon and
23 fired four times through his windshield and into the rear
24 window of the truck, each shot narrowly missing his attacker;
25 he was able to successfully end the assault; and

1 WHEREAS, rather than request medics for himself,
2 Officer Garlen, having obtained control of the offender,
3 requested medics respond to evaluate a fellow officer to
4 ensure he had not been injured during the pursuit or from the
5 discharge of his weapon; it was not until after the other
6 officer had received medical attention that Officer Garlen
7 advised he had been injured; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Garlen demonstrated courageous,
9 calm, and intelligent quick thinking; he took action to defend
10 his life and reduce the danger to the lives of fellow officers
11 involved in the pursuit as well as innocent citizens, and he
12 is truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the
13 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
16 Officer Joshua Garlen as a nominee for the 2018 Legislative
17 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive
18 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and
19 esteem.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 06-MAR-18.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

13-MAR-18

Adopted