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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Rowe and Baker
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 01-MAR-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING DEPUTY NIKO VASILAKIS OF THE JEFFERSON
4 COUNTY SHERIFF'S 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 Deputy Niko Vasilakis of the Jefferson County
9 Sheriff's Department as a nominee for the 2018 Alabama
10 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's
11 highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the
12 line of duty; and

13 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis observed a multiple car
14 accident take place in which one car caught on fire and two
15 more left the road and plunged into a flowing creek; the
16 vehicle that remained in the roadway was on fire; Deputy
17 Vasilakis, with the assistance of two citizens, extinguished
18 the burning car and called for paramedics and backup; and

19 WHEREAS, while waiting for backup, Deputy Vasilakis
20 crawled on top of the cars in the creek to assess the
21 situation and relay information to Fire and Rescue; he was
22 able to assist one victim to the edge of the creek but could
23 not remove the other; once Fire and Rescue arrived on the
24 scene they were able to form a human ladder and remove the
25 victims of the cars and up the steep embankment; and

1 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis performed his duties
2 without thought to his personal safety while awaiting backup;
3 his actions kept a hazardous situation from escalating to
4 something far worse; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis demonstrated immense
6 courage, diligence, and quick response in a life-threatening
7 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect
8 and serve the residents of Jefferson County were evidenced
9 through his willingness to make quick and proper response in
10 order to save lives; and

11 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis epitomizes the qualities
12 of those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of
13 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of
14 Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

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