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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
4 RFD: Rules  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3           COMMENDING DEPUTY JOSEPH WORDELL OF THE JEFFERSON  
4 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND HIS K-9 PARTNER DIESEL AS NOMINEES  
5 FOR THE 2018 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW  
6 ENFORCEMENT.

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

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

22           WHEREAS, without a moment's hesitation, Deputy  
23 Wordell and Diesel placed themselves in the line of peril and  
24 captured dangerous fugitives, confiscated harmful drugs, and  
25 located a potentially lethal explosive device; and

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

8           WHEREAS, Deputy Joseph Wordell and Diesel epitomize  
9 the qualities of those who serve and protect, and they are  
10 truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the  
11 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

12           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
14 Deputy Joseph Wordell and Diesel as nominees for the 2018  
15 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that  
16 they receive a copy of this resolution as evidence of our  
17 admiration and esteem.

