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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING TROOPER CHAD NALLS OF THE ALABAMA LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2018 ALABAMA  
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Trooper Chad Nalls of the Alabama Law Enforcement  
14 Agency as a nominee for the 2018 Alabama Legislative Medal of  
15 Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement  
16 award for extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, on November 17, 2017, Trooper Chad Nalls  
18 responded to a call regarding a reckless driver and assisted  
19 Officer Blalock of the Jemison Police Department with the  
20 apprehension of a missing, suicidal subject in Chilton County,  
21 Alabama; when Trooper Nalls arrived on the scene, the suicidal  
22 subject was facing Officer Blalock and aiming a handgun at his  
23 own head; Trooper Nalls quickly grabbed the gun and turned it  
24 away from the subject's head and any bystanders in the area;  
25 Trooper Nalls and Officer Blalock secured the subject on the  
26 ground and handcuffed him; Trooper Nalls secured the handgun  
27 and cleared a live round from the chamber; Trooper Nalls,

1       Officer Blalock, the subject, nor any bystanders were injured  
2       in this incident; the subject, Mr. Matthew Middleton, was  
3       reported in NCIC as a missing and suicidal person from  
4       Kentucky; and

5               WHEREAS, Trooper Chad Nalls demonstrated  
6       extraordinary courage, diligence, and quick response in  
7       grabbing a loaded weapon which a subject had placed to his  
8       head; Trooper Nalls acted with exceptional heroism, and his  
9       loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect and serve the  
10      residents of our state were evidenced through his willingness  
11      to make the quick and proper response in order to save lives  
12      and end an immediate threat to the area; his valorous actions  
13      reflect immense credit upon the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency  
14      and the entire State of Alabama; and

15             WHEREAS, Trooper Chad Nalls epitomizes the qualities  
16      of those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of  
17      this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of  
18      Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

19             BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20      HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
21      Trooper Chad Nalls as a nominee for the 2018 Legislative Medal  
22      of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy  
23      of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.