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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Newton (D) and Baker (A)

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8 COMMENDING STATE TROOPER MICHAEL GILLIS AS A NOMINEE
9 FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize State Trooper Michael Gillis, as a nominee for the
14 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, the
15 state's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary
16 courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2009, Trooper Gillis was
18 instrumental in curtailing the single deadliest crime in the
19 recorded history of Alabama; that afternoon, a lone gunman
20 terrorized the citizens of Geneva and Coffee Counties,
21 murdering ten victims and injuring six others, before
22 ultimately taking his own life; and

23 WHEREAS, at great risk to himself, Trooper Gillis
24 participated in the high-speed pursuit of the perpetrator;
25 during the course of this pursuit, Trooper Gillis' vehicle was
26 struck several times by gunfire and he was injured by broken
27 glass, but he maintained pursuit nonetheless; while he and his

1 comrades were unable to prevent the gunman escaping justice by
2 committing suicide, their courageous and selfless actions over
3 the course of the engagement likely saved the lives of several
4 more victims; and

5 WHEREAS, Trooper Gillis is a worthy exemplar of
6 those caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready
7 to provide prompt and professional response and investigative
8 assistance in times of crisis, and he is highly deserving of
9 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of
10 Honor; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
13 State Trooper Michael Gillis as a nominee for the 2010
14 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that
15 he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our
16 admiration and esteem.