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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Newton (D) and Baker (A)  
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8 COMMENDING MONTGOMERY POLICE SERGEANT JENNIFER SMITH  
9 AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR  
10 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Montgomery Police Sergeant Jennifer Smith, as a  
14 nominee for the 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law  
15 Enforcement, the state's highest law enforcement award for  
16 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, on May 7, 2009, during a flashflood that  
18 crippled Montgomery's roadways, Sergeant Smith placed herself  
19 at great personal risk for the sake of the people of  
20 Montgomery; at the intersection of McGehee Road and Debbie  
21 Drive, Sergeant Smith assisted in efforts to save a motorist  
22 whose vehicle had been swept off the road by the current;  
23 Sergeant Smith and Officer Damian Lomeli left the safety of  
24 their patrol car and, as a result of the extreme depth of the  
25 floodwaters, were forced to swim into the drain in an attempt  
26 to rescue the motorist; with no thought for their own safety,  
27 they persisted in their attempts to extract the victim from

1 the automobile, until the car was swept away in the current,  
2 killing the motorist; and

3 WHEREAS, despite the emotional toll exacted by the  
4 experience, the officers returned to the shallow portion of  
5 the flooded road and, taking only a moment to rest, returned  
6 to work; unable to change clothes and exhausted, Sergeant  
7 Smith and Officer Lomeli continued directing traffic to  
8 prevent further deadly situations from arising; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant Smith is a worthy exemplar of  
10 those caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready  
11 to provide prompt and professional response and investigative  
12 assistance in times of crisis, and she is highly deserving of  
13 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of  
14 Honor; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
17 Montgomery Police Sergeant Jennifer Smith as a nominee for the  
18 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct  
19 that she receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our  
20 admiration and esteem.