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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Newton (D) and Baker (A)
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8 COMMENDING GENEVA POLICE LIEUTENANT RICKY MORGAN AS
9 A NOMINEE FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

17 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2009, Lieutenant Morgan 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, Lieutenant Morgan
24 participated in the high-speed pursuit of and ultimately
25 exchanged gunfire with the perpetrator; while he and his
26 comrades were unable to prevent the gunman escaping justice by
27 committing suicide, their courageous and selfless actions over

1 the course of the engagement likely saved the lives of several
2 more victims; and

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

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
11 Geneva Police Lieutenant Ricky Morgan as a nominee for the
12 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct
13 that he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our
14 admiration and esteem.