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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Newton (D) and Baker (A)
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY JOHN MCLAIN OF THE MOBILE COUNTY
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Deputy John McLain of the Mobile County Sheriff's
14 Department, as a nominee for the 2010 Legislative Medal of
15 Honor for Law Enforcement, the state's highest law enforcement
16 award for extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, on April 26, 2009, in Mobile County, Mr.
18 McLain participated in the high speed pursuit of a fugitive
19 suspected in the April 25 murder of three people in Baldwin
20 County; and

21 WHEREAS, upon intercepting the perpetrator at the
22 intersection of Rangeline Road and Hamilton Boulevard, Reserve
23 Deputy John Cassidy, who was driving the patrol car, and
24 Deputy McLain engaged the perpetrator's vehicle in pursuit
25 onto Interstate 10; during the course of the pursuit, the
26 fugitive fired repeatedly at the Deputies with a Bushmaster
27 WM-15 assault rifle, hitting their vehicle numerous times;

1 without concern for their lives and personal safety, Deputy
2 Cassidy maintained pursuit and Deputy McLain returned fire;
3 when the fleeing vehicle discontinued travel, it was
4 discovered that the fugitive had been shot and killed; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy McLain is a worthy exemplar of those
6 caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to
7 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 Deputy John McLain of the Mobile County Sheriff's Department
14 as a nominee for the 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
15 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
16 resolution as a token of our admiration and esteem.