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

4 RFD: Rules

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8 COMMENDING SOMERVILLE POLICE RESERVE OFFICER STEVEN
9 BRADLEY ESTES AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE
10 MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Somerville Police Reserve Officer Steven Bradley
14 Estes as a nominee for the 2010 Alabama Legislative Law
15 Enforcement Medal of Honor, Alabama's highest law enforcement
16 award for extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, Reserve Officer Estes' heroic actions saved
18 the life of a man trapped helplessly inside his home as a fire
19 raged; on October 4, 2009, shortly after midnight, Reserve
20 Officer Estes was one of two police officers who responded to
21 a fire alarm at a residence on Bluff City Road, where flames
22 and heavy smoke threatened the life of a 44-year-old man whose
23 paralysis prevented his escape from a back bedroom; and

24 WHEREAS, without regard for his own safety and with
25 extraordinary strength, Reserve Officer Estes succeeded in
26 carrying the man to within four feet of the front door, where
27 the second police officer was able to complete the rescue; all

1 three men were rushed to Decatur General Hospital to be
2 treated for smoke inhalation; the home was a total loss
3 despite the efforts of the Somerville Volunteer Fire
4 Department, who battled the fierce flames for more than four
5 hours; and

6 WHEREAS, the Somerville Town Council honored Officer
7 Estes in a special ceremony of recognition and praise for
8 heroic actions beyond the call of duty; he has been a
9 dedicated volunteer on the Somerville Police Force since June
10 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, there is no greater accomplishment than the
12 successful rescue of a fellow citizen whose life is imperiled;
13 Reserve Officer Estes is a worthy exemplar of those caring and
14 dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to provide prompt
15 and professional response in times of crisis, and he is highly
16 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
17 Medal of Honor; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
20 Somerville Police Reserve Officer Steven Bradley Estes as a
21 nominee for the 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
22 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
23 resolution as a token of our admiration and esteem.