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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.