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8 COMMENDING RESERVE DEPUTY JOHN CASSIDY OF THE MOBILE
9 COUNTY 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 Reserve Deputy John Cassidy of the Mobile County
14 Sheriff's Department, as a nominee for the 2010 Legislative
15 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, the state's highest law
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
17 duty; and

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

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

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

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

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
14 Reserve Deputy John Cassidy of the Mobile County Sheriff's
15 Department as a nominee for the 2010 Legislative Medal of
16 Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of
17 this resolution as a token of our admiration and esteem.