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3 By Representatives Sanderford and Newton (D)  
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8 COMMENDING SOMERVILLE POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SOLOMON  
9 AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR  
10 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Somerville Police Officer Brian Solomon as a nominee  
14 for the 2010 Alabama Legislative Law Enforcement Medal of  
15 Honor, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for  
16 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

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

24 WHEREAS, without regard for his own safety, Officer  
25 Solomon was able to complete the rescue when his colleague was  
26 overcome by smoke after carrying the man from a back bedroom  
27 toward the front of the house; all three men were rushed to

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

5               WHEREAS, the Somerville Town Council honored Officer  
6       Solomon in a special ceremony of recognition and praise for  
7       heroic actions beyond the call of duty; he has been a  
8       dedicated police officer for more than five years, previously  
9       serving with the Decatur Police Department and the Hanceville  
10      Police Department; and

11             WHEREAS, there is no greater accomplishment than the  
12      successful rescue of a fellow citizen whose life is imperiled;  
13      Officer Solomon 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 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES  
19      THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
20      Somerville Police Officer Brian Solomon as a nominee for the  
21      2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct  
22      that he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our  
23      admiration and esteem.