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

17 WHEREAS, on April 24, 2009, Henry County experienced
18 the most tragic event in its law enforcement history; while
19 answering a routine dispatched call, Deputy Ted Yost was
20 critically injured when he encountered a crazed assailant and
21 was shot twice in the face with a 12-gauge shotgun; the
22 incident took place in a remote area of Henry County, and when
23 a distress call reported a fallen officer, Corporal Grooms
24 responded to the call along with Investigator Dexter Hammond,
25 who was fatally wounded by the gunman; and

26 WHEREAS, Corporal Grooms took a tactical position
27 and returned the assailant's fire, while also maintaining

1 cover for the two downed officers; he heroically maintained
2 his position until the suspect was killed; throughout the
3 horrific ordeal, Corporal Grooms maintained the ultimate level
4 of professionalism, dedication, and concern for his fellow
5 officers at the risk of his own life; and

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

12 BE IT RESOLVED LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES
13 THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
14 Headland Police Officer Corporal Dwight Grooms as a nominee
15 for the 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement
16 and direct that he receive a copy of this resolution as a
17 token of our admiration and esteem.