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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Newton (D) and Baker (A)
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COMMENDING HEADLAND POLICE INVESTIGATOR DEXTER
HAMMOND AS THE POSTHUMOUS RECIPIENT OF THE 2010 LEGISLATIVE
MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we pay
tribute to Headland Police Investigator Dexter Hammond as the
posthumous recipient of the prestigious 2010 Legislative Medal
of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
duty; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2009, Henry County experienced
the most tragic event in its law enforcement history; while
answering a routine dispatched call, Deputy Ted Yost was
seriously injured when he encountered a crazed assailant and
was shot twice in the face with a 12-gauge shotgun; the
incident took place in a remote area of Henry County, and when
a distress call reported a fallen officer, Investigator Dexter
Hammond was among those who responded to the call; he was
fatally wounded in an exchange of gunfire with the assailant,
who was then killed by law enforcement officers; and

1 WHEREAS, there is no greater accomplishment than to
2 sacrifice one's life in courageous defense of the lives of
3 others; Investigator Dexter Hammond personified the finest
4 qualities of those caring and dedicated men and women who
5 stand ever ready to provide prompt and professional response
6 in times of crisis, and he is highly deserving of being
7 awarded the Legislative Medal of Honor posthumously; now
8 therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
11 Headland Police Investigator Dexter Hammond as the posthumous
12 recipient of the 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
13 Enforcement and direct that his family receive a copy of this
14 resolution as a token of our admiration and esteem.