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3       By Representatives Sanderford and Newton (D)  
4       RFD: Rules  
5       First Read: 04-MAR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3           COMMENDING SOMERVILLE POLICE OFFICER BRIAN SOLOMON  
4 AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR  
5 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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7           WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
8 recognize Somerville Police Officer Brian Solomon as a nominee  
9 for the 2010 Alabama Legislative Law Enforcement Medal of  
10 Honor, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for  
11 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

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

19           WHEREAS, without regard for his own safety, Officer  
20 Solomon was able to complete the rescue when his colleague was  
21 overcome by smoke after carrying the man from a back bedroom  
22 toward the front of the house; all three men were rushed to  
23 Decatur General Hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation;  
24 the home was a total loss despite the efforts of the

1 Somerville Volunteer Fire Department, who battled the fierce  
2 flames for more than four hours; and

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

9 WHEREAS, there is no greater accomplishment than the  
10 successful rescue of a fellow citizen whose life is imperiled;  
11 Officer Solomon is a worthy exemplar of those caring and  
12 dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to provide prompt  
13 and professional response in times of crisis, and he is highly  
14 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative  
15 Medal of Honor; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES  
17 THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
18 Somerville Police Officer Brian Solomon as a nominee for the  
19 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct  
20 that he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our  
21 admiration and esteem.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 09-MAR-10.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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23-MAR-10

Adopted