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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Newton (D) and Baker (A)
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING MONTGOMERY POLICE OFFICER DAMIAN LOMELI
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 Montgomery Police Officer Damian Lomeli, as a
9 nominee for the 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
10 Enforcement, the state's highest law enforcement award for
11 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, on May 7, 2009, during a flashflood that
13 crippled Montgomery's roadways, Officer Lomeli placed himself
14 at great personal risk for the sake of the people of
15 Montgomery; at the intersection of McGehee Road and Debbie
16 Drive, Officer Lomeli assisted in efforts to save a motorist
17 whose vehicle had been swept off the road by the current;
18 Officer Lomeli and Sergeant Jennifer Smith left the safety of
19 their patrol car and, as a result of the extreme depth of the
20 floodwaters, were forced to swim into the drain in an attempt
21 to rescue the motorist; with no thought for their own safety,
22 they persisted in their attempts to extract the victim from
23 the automobile, until the car was swept away in the current,
24 killing the motorist; and

1 WHEREAS, despite the emotional toll exacted by the
2 experience, the officers returned to the shallow portion of
3 the flooded road and, taking only a moment to rest, returned
4 to work; unable to change clothes and exhausted, Officer
5 Lomeli and Sergeant Smith continued directing traffic to
6 prevent further deadly situations from arising; and

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

23-MAR-10

Adopted