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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Newton (D) and Baker (A)  
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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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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House of Representatives

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

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Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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