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

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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

COMMENDING INVESTIGATOR STEVE JOHNSON OF THE RUSSELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we recognize Investigator Steve Johnson of the Russell County Sheriff's Department, as a nominee for the 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, the state's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson has distinguished himself as a member of the Sheriff's Department over his 15-year career, rising to the rank of Investigator; he is a member of the S.W.A.T. Team and the U.S. Marshall's Fugitive Task Force, as well as a Rappel Master; and

WHEREAS, despite the rigors and long hours required by his job, Mr. Johnson remains a devoted husband to his wife, Mandy, and father to his sons, Zach and Caleb; and

WHEREAS, beginning in January 2008, Mr. Johnson participated in the investigation of several church fires in Russell and Lee Counties; he was instrumental in solving the cases, doggedly pursuing the truth, despite having very little

1 physical evidence on which to base a conviction; Mr. Johnson  
2 ultimately obtained a confession from the perpetrator; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson is a worthy exemplar of those  
4 caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to  
5 provide prompt and professional response and investigative  
6 assistance in times of crisis, and he is highly deserving of  
7 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of  
8 Honor; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
11 Investigator Steve Johnson of the Russell County Sheriff's  
12 Department as a nominee for the 2010 Legislative Medal of  
13 Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of  
14 this resolution as a token of our 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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