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

4 RFD: Rules

5 First Read: 04-MAR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING CONSERVATION OFFICER JOEL HENDRON AS A
4 NOMINEE FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
8 recognize Conservation Officer Joel Hendron, as a nominee for
9 the 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, the
10 state's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary
11 courage in the line of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2009, Mr. Hendron was
13 instrumental in curtailing the single deadliest crime in the
14 recorded history of Alabama; that afternoon, a lone gunman
15 terrorized the citizens of Geneva and Coffee Counties,
16 murdering ten victims and injuring six others, before
17 ultimately taking his own life; and

18 WHEREAS, at great risk to himself, Officer Hendron
19 participated in the high-speed pursuit of and ultimately
20 exchanged gunfire with the perpetrator; while he and his
21 comrades were unable to prevent the gunman escaping justice by
22 committing suicide, their courageous and selfless actions over
23 the course of the engagement likely saved the lives of several
24 more victims; and

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

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
9 Conservation Officer Joel Hendron as a nominee for the 2010
10 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that
11 he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our
12 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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Senate

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