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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 HEADLAND POLICE OFFICER CORPORAL DWIGHT
4 GROOMS AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF
5 HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

12 WHEREAS, on April 24, 2009, Henry County experienced
13 the most tragic event in its law enforcement history; while
14 answering a routine dispatched call, Deputy Ted Yost was
15 critically injured when he encountered a crazed assailant and
16 was shot twice in the face with a 12-gauge shotgun; the
17 incident took place in a remote area of Henry County, and when
18 a distress call reported a fallen officer, Corporal Grooms
19 responded to the call along with Investigator Dexter Hammond,
20 who was fatally wounded by the gunman; and

21 WHEREAS, Corporal Grooms took a tactical position
22 and returned the assailant's fire, while also maintaining
23 cover for the two downed officers; he heroically maintained
24 his position until the suspect was killed; throughout the
25 horrific ordeal, Corporal Grooms maintained the ultimate level

1 of professionalism, dedication, and concern for his fellow
2 officers at the risk of his own life; and

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

9 BE IT RESOLVED LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES
10 THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
11 Headland Police Officer Corporal Dwight Grooms as a nominee
12 for the 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement
13 and direct that he receive a copy of this resolution as a
14 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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