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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 SOMERVILLE POLICE RESERVE OFFICER STEVEN
4 BRADLEY ESTES AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2010 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE
5 MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
8 recognize Somerville Police Reserve Officer Steven Bradley
9 Estes as a nominee for the 2010 Alabama Legislative Law
10 Enforcement Medal of Honor, Alabama's highest law enforcement
11 award for extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, Reserve Officer Estes' heroic actions saved
13 the life of a man trapped helplessly inside his home as a fire
14 raged; on October 4, 2009, shortly after midnight, Reserve
15 Officer Estes was one of two police officers who responded to
16 a fire alarm at a residence on Bluff City Road, where flames
17 and heavy smoke threatened the life of a 44-year-old man whose
18 paralysis prevented his escape from a back bedroom; and

19 WHEREAS, without regard for his own safety and with
20 extraordinary strength, Reserve Officer Estes succeeded in
21 carrying the man to within four feet of the front door, where
22 the second police officer was able to complete the rescue; all
23 three men were rushed to Decatur General Hospital to be
24 treated for smoke inhalation; the home was a total loss
25 despite the efforts of the Somerville Volunteer Fire

1 Department, who battled the fierce flames for more than four
2 hours; and

3 WHEREAS, the Somerville Town Council honored Officer
4 Estes in a special ceremony of recognition and praise for
5 heroic actions beyond the call of duty; he has been a
6 dedicated volunteer on the Somerville Police Force since June
7 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, there is no greater accomplishment than the
9 successful rescue of a fellow citizen whose life is imperiled;
10 Reserve Officer Estes is a worthy exemplar of those caring and
11 dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to provide prompt
12 and professional response in times of crisis, and he is highly
13 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
14 Medal of Honor; now therefore,

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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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