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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Colston and Baker  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING TUSCALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTY  
9 SCOTT TAYLOR AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2011 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE  
10 MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office Deputy Scott  
14 Taylor as a nominee for the 2011 Alabama Legislative Medal of  
15 Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement  
16 award for extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, on April 19, 2010, Homicide Unit  
18 investigators, deputies, and Tuscaloosa Police Officers  
19 attempted to serve an arrest warrant for robbery on a man who  
20 was also a suspect in an attempted murder; officers were  
21 cautious to approach the front door because the suspect had  
22 made previous threats that he would shoot a police officer  
23 rather than go back to jail; as officers knocked on the front  
24 side wall and announced the presence of police, multiple  
25 rounds were fired from inside the house, forcing officers to  
26 retreat to solid cover; and

1           WHEREAS, when the suspect opened the front door and  
2           exited to the porch, he began a sweeping motion of a 45  
3           caliber pistol, looking for the closest policeman to shoot; at  
4           this time, Deputy Taylor moved forward to a position  
5           approximately 30 feet away, exposing himself in the open, to  
6           hold a cover position for retreating officers; he fired  
7           multiple rounds at the assailant, striking him center mass and  
8           forcing him to drop the gun and retreat into the house; after  
9           several minutes of negotiation, the severely wounded suspect  
10          was taken into custody by law enforcement officers and was  
11          immediately treated by paramedics and transported to the  
12          hospital; and

13          WHEREAS, Deputy Taylor demonstrated the ultimate  
14          level of professionalism, dedication, and concern for others  
15          at the risk of his own life; had it not been for his  
16          courageous actions, one or more law enforcement officers could  
17          have been wounded or killed as the suspect swept the front  
18          yard with his 45 caliber pistol; and

19          WHEREAS, since beginning his employment with the  
20          Sheriff's Office in September 1999, Deputy Taylor has been the  
21          recipient of many commendations for his outstanding service to  
22          the citizens of Tuscaloosa County; and

23          WHEREAS, Deputy Taylor is a worthy exemplar of those  
24          caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to  
25          provide prompt and professional response in times of crisis,  
26          and he is highly deserving of this distinguished nomination

1       for the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now  
2       therefore,

3               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
5       Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office Deputy Scott Taylor as a  
6       nominee for the 2011 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law  
7       Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this  
8       resolution as a token of our admiration and esteem.