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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.