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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Colston and Baker
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8 COMMENDING GULF SHORES POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER
9 BAGBY AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL
10 OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Gulf Shores Police Officer Christopher Bagby as the
14 recipient of the 2011 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for
15 Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for
16 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, on August 13, 2010, Officer Bagby responded
18 to an emergency call and found two people trapped inside an
19 automobile that was upside down and on fire; Officer Bagby
20 pulled a severely burned male victim from the wreckage, using
21 his uniform shirt to smother the flames, and then returned to
22 the vehicle to attempt an impossible rescue of the second
23 passenger; after being forcibly pulled away from the burning
24 vehicle by other police officers, Officer Bagby returned to
25 the first victim, lifted him, and carried him to safety on the
26 other side of the road seconds before the gas tank exploded;
27 and

WHEREAS, Officer Bagby's sergeant wrote: "This is without a doubt an act of gallantry and valor that distinguishes Officer Bagby to a level beyond the call of duty. While fully aware of the imminent danger to his personal safety, it is Officer's Bagby's quick response and judgment that prevented the man from dying that day ... a heroic achievement in the performance of an extremely hazardous call and clearly a display of unusual courage, thereby meriting honor and recognition and bringing great credit to the Gulf Shores Police Department"; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bagby demonstrated the ultimate level of professionalism, dedication, and concern for his fellowman at the risk of his own life; in addition to his outstanding service with the Gulf Shores Police Department since 2006, Officer Bagby is also a veteran who served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Marine Corps and is the recipient of several decorations including the National Defense Service Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bagby is a worthy exemplar of those caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to provide prompt and professional response in times of crisis, and he is highly deserving of this significant honor of being selected to receive the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor

1 Gulf Shores Police Officer Christopher Bagby as the recipient
2 of the 2011 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and
3 direct that he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of
4 our admiration and esteem.