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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

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

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

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

26           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
27 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.