

1 HJR426  
2 130440-2  
3 By Representatives Sanderford, Colston and Baker  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 26-APR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

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

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

22           WHEREAS, when the suspect opened the front door and  
23 exited to the porch, he began a sweeping motion of a 45  
24 caliber pistol, looking for the closest policeman to shoot; at  
25 this time, Deputy Taylor moved forward to a position

1 approximately 30 feet away, exposing himself in the open, to  
2 hold a cover position for retreating officers; he fired  
3 multiple rounds at the assailant, striking him center mass and  
4 forcing him to drop the gun and retreat into the house; after  
5 several minutes of negotiation, the severely wounded suspect  
6 was taken into custody by law enforcement officers and was  
7 immediately treated by paramedics and transported to the  
8 hospital; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Deputy Taylor is a worthy exemplar of those  
20 caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to  
21 provide prompt and professional response in times of crisis,  
22 and he is highly deserving of this distinguished nomination  
23 for the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now  
24 therefore,

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 27-APR-11.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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Adopted