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3       By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston  
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8 COMMENDING BIRMINGHAM POLICE OFFICER BEVERLY  
9 PETERSON AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2012 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL  
10 OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Birmingham Police Officer Beverly Peterson as a  
14 nominee for the 2012 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, Lieutenant Peterson has been with the  
18 Birmingham Police Department for 25 years and is assigned to  
19 the North Precinct; and

20 WHEREAS, while on patrol on August 31, 2011,  
21 Birmingham Police Lieutenant Peterson observed an adult male  
22 stumble from a business in obvious distress; closer  
23 examination disclosed that the individual was having  
24 difficulty breathing; and

25 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Peterson went immediately to the  
26 person and realizing that he was choking, rushed to administer

1 appropriate first aid, the Heimlich maneuver, to dislodge a  
2 breathing obstruction; and

3 WHEREAS, after the individual was checked by the  
4 rescue unit, he was able to return to work; the quick  
5 thinking, fast action, and administration of the lifesaving  
6 technique by Lieutenant Peterson saved a life; and

7 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Peterson is a worthy exemplar of  
8 those caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready  
9 to provide prompt and professional response in times of  
10 crisis, and she is highly deserving of this distinguished  
11 nomination for the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law  
12 Enforcement; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor  
15 Birmingham Police Officer Beverly Peterson as a nominee for  
16 the 2012 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and  
17 direct that she receive a copy of this resolution as a token  
18 of our admiration and esteem.