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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.