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3       By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston  
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8 COMMENDING BIRMINGHAM POLICE OFFICER CHARLES WILSON  
9 AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2012 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR  
10 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Birmingham Police Officer Charles Wilson 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, Officer Wilson is a five-year veteran of  
18 the Department and is assigned to the North Precinct; and

19 WHEREAS, on April 8, 2011, at 4:40 p.m, a call was  
20 received concerning someone in the North Precinct attempting  
21 to commit suicide; Officer Wilson was conducting his normal  
22 patrols and was close to the location of the call; when he  
23 arrived on the scene, he observed the person standing on a  
24 bucket under a tree with a rope around his neck and the other  
25 end tied to a branch; when the individual saw Officer Wilson  
26 and kicked away the bucket, Officer Wilson quickly rushed to  
27 the person's aid, grabbed his legs, and hoisted him up, taking

1 weight off the rope; Officer Wilson continued holding the  
2 person up until a fireman was able to cut the rope from the  
3 tree; with his quick and competent action, Officer Wilson  
4 saved the live of an individual intent on doing harm to  
5 himself; and

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

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