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3       By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston  
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8 COMMENDING CORPORAL BRIAN P. FAULKNER OF THE ALABAMA  
9 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2012 ALABAMA  
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Corporal Brian P. Faulkner of the Alabama Bureau of  
14 Investigation as a nominee for the 2012 Alabama Legislative  
15 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law  
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of  
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, on the afternoon of February 10, 2011,  
19 Corporal Faulkner and Corporal Rodney Knight responded to a  
20 request for assistance from Franklin County Sheriff Shannon  
21 Oliver in reference to a missing four-year-old child who was  
22 last seen outside his home near the City of Russellville; and

23 WHEREAS, multiple city, county, and state agencies  
24 provided personnel to search for the missing child, and a  
25 major concern was the weather on the coldest day of the year  
26 to date, recording a high of 32 degrees and with evening  
27 temperatures falling to 11 degrees; a winter storm had moved

1 through the area the previous day, leaving behind a mix of  
2 snow and ice; and

3 WHEREAS, at approximately 9:00 p.m., as search crews  
4 began to scale back rescue efforts and the temperature  
5 dropped, Corporals Faulkner and Knight, although very tired  
6 and very cold, decided to enter a wooded area once again,  
7 knowing that a child exposed to the rapidly falling  
8 temperature could not survive much longer; and

9 WHEREAS, the child, apparently seeking warmth and  
10 cover, had almost completely camouflaged himself under a small  
11 brush pile, but something caught the attention of Corporal  
12 Faulkner and he retrieved the child, who was wet from the  
13 snow, his clothes frozen, and could barely speak; and

14 WHEREAS, Corporal Faulkner and Corporal Knight  
15 rushed the child to a waiting ambulance, which transported him  
16 to a local hospital; the examining physician diagnosed the  
17 child with hypothermia, with a body temperature of only 92  
18 degrees; the child was admitted to the hospital and was later  
19 discharged after a full recovery; and

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

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor

1 Corporal Brian P. Faulkner of the Alabama Bureau of  
2 Investigation as a nominee for the 2012 Legislative Medal of  
3 Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of  
4 this resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.