

1 HR345
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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
4 RFD:
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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.