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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
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8 COMMENDING COTTONWOOD POLICE OFFICER GEORGE WILLIAM
9 TAYLOR AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2012 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF
10 HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Cottonwood Police Officer George William Taylor 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, on September 9, 2011, Cottonwood Police
18 Officer George William Taylor and his partner responded to a
19 call regarding a structure fire that he determined to be an
20 occupied residence; and

21 WHEREAS, upon arrival, Officer Taylor heard a
22 resident calling for help; Officer Taylor crawled beneath the
23 smoke and heat to locate and pull the resident from the
24 burning structure with the assistance from another officer;
25 the actions of Officer Taylor saved a life at the expense of
26 his own safety and health; and

1 WHEREAS, as Officer Taylor was exiting the building,
2 an explosion occurred blowing Officer Taylor from the
3 building's porch and causing him to strike his head; Officer
4 Taylor suffered traumatic brain injury resulting in seizures;
5 since the accident, Officer Taylor has been on medical leave;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Taylor 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 he 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 Cottonwood Police Officer George William Taylor as a nominee
16 for the 2012 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement
17 and direct that he receive a copy of this resolution as a
18 token of our admiration and esteem.