

1 HJR43  
2 148538-1  
3 By Representative Baughn  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 14-FEB-13

8 RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF CONSTABLE IN THE STATE OF  
9 ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, the Office of Constable is the oldest law  
12 enforcement office in world history and has been a vital part  
13 of law enforcement in Alabama since the state was founded; and

14 WHEREAS, where the Office of Constable still exists,  
15 it functions in a variety of ways and in all instances  
16 operates without any cost to the State of Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, the Office of Constable could be of more  
18 use to the state, counties, and communities in numerous areas  
19 such as community watch, litter control, school traffic, and  
20 even providing assistance to the regular law enforcement  
21 agencies; and

22 WHEREAS, Constables now holding office provide their  
23 service as a way to improve their communities and in some  
24 instances already provide valuable assistance to certain law  
25 enforcement agencies in their respective areas; and

26 WHEREAS, any effort to further abolish the Office of  
27 Constable in Alabama is untimely and would deprive many

1                   communities of the unpaid service now provided by numerous  
2                   community-spirited duly elected Constables; now therefore,

3                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4                   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body join with County  
5                   Commissions, District Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Law Enforcement  
6                   Agencies to develop better ways of using Constables during  
7                   these trying times, standing ready to assist in developing  
8                   more effective ways of utilizing Constables.

9                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
10                  resolution be provided to the Alabama Constables Association  
11                  with best wishes for success in these worthy endeavors.