

1 HR199

2 150547-1

3 By Representatives Faust, Baker, Shiver, McCutcheon, Davis,  
4 Bracy and McMillan

5 RFD:

6 First Read: 02-APR-13

1 150547-1:n:03/13/2013:JMW/jmw LRS2013-1445

2

3

4

5

6

7

8 COMMENDING JOHN MCDONALD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT  
9 AND BEING NAMED OFFICER OF THE YEAR BY THE ALABAMA STATE LODGE  
10 OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE.

11

12 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
13 herein proudly conveyed to John McDonald in recognition of his  
14 outstanding accomplishments and being named Officer of the  
15 Year by the Alabama State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of  
16 Police (FOP); and

17 WHEREAS, John McDonald is a former Fairhope Police  
18 Officer as well as a founder and 35-year member of Fairhope's  
19 FOP Lodge 43; and

20 WHEREAS, John McDonald began his distinguished law  
21 enforcement career with the City of Bay Minette in 1971 prior  
22 to being hired as a dispatcher with the Fairhope Police  
23 Department; in 1976, he became a Fairhope Patrol Officer and  
24 diligently assisted with many charitable activities and youth  
25 events sponsored by the city and the police department; in

1                   1985, he was hired as a Deputy with the Baldwin County  
2                   Sheriff's Office and retired in 1995; and

3                   WHEREAS, over the span of 30 years, John McDonald  
4                   has held every office in Lodge 43 multiple times; he has also  
5                   fulfilled leadership positions in the state FOP organization,  
6                   including 12 years as a trustee and a former member of the  
7                   legislative committee, and has been active in the national FOP  
8                   organization; and

9                   WHEREAS, Lodge 43 in Fairhope has grown from a  
10                  membership of 41 in the mid-1980s to approximately 300 active  
11                  members and 200 associate members in 2013, making it one of  
12                  the top ten FOP Lodges in the State of Alabama; the lodge also  
13                  has a beautiful, debt-free building, an outside pavilion and  
14                  firing range which is used for training purposes by many law  
15                  enforcement agencies from the local to the national levels;  
16                  retired officers are also able to hone and maintain their  
17                  skills with frequent practice, and civilians are offered  
18                  hands-on training as part of gun safety classes; and

19                  WHEREAS, the dedicated and tireless efforts of John  
20                  McDonald and a few other individuals are largely responsible  
21                  for the growth and success of Lodge 43; he has also been  
22                  active in community organizations and has served as a Deacon  
23                  at Fairhope Avenue Baptist Church for more than two decades;  
24                  and

25                  WHEREAS, through the years, John McDonald has earned  
26                  respect for his exceptional abilities and unwavering

1 commitment; his contributions to law enforcement, the City of  
2 Fairhope, and the State of Alabama are far-reaching and  
3 innumerable, and he is truly deserving of special recognition;  
4 now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That John McDonald is most highly  
7 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered with  
8 heartiest congratulations to him on his well-deserved  
9 selection as Officer of the Year by the Alabama State Lodge of  
10 the Fraternal Order of Police.