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