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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY ROBERT LINDELL OF THE BALDWIN
9 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2013 ALABAMA
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Deputy Robert Lindell as a nominee for the 2013
14 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,
15 Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary
16 courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, Deputy Lindell has been employed as a
18 full-time Deputy Sheriff with the Baldwin County Sheriff's
19 Office since August 29, 2011, and currently serves in the
20 Patrol Division of the Sheriff's Office; and

21 WHEREAS, on November 23, 2012, Deputy Lindell and
22 others responded to a medical assistance call near Fairhope,
23 Alabama; the subject of the call was in his residence and
24 refused to emerge to be screened by medical personnel for
25 possible mental and emotional issues; it was believed at the
26 time that the subject might be of danger to himself and
27 others; and

1 WHEREAS, after several minutes of negotiations, the
2 subject fired upon the deputies from within his residence,
3 seriously injuring Deputy Scott Ward and Sergeant Curtis
4 Summerlin, both of whom were struck multiple times; Deputy
5 Lindell was able to return fire on the subject, killing him
6 during the gun battle; Deputy Lindell then immediately began
7 to render first aid to the two injured deputies; and

8 WHEREAS, Deputy Ward and Sergeant Summerlin were
9 flown by helicopter to the University of South Alabama Medical
10 Center, where Sergeant Summerlin was hospitalized and required
11 several surgeries to address his gunshot wounds; tragically,
12 Deputy Ward succumbed to the multiple gunshot wounds despite
13 every effort to save his life; and

14 WHEREAS, a comprehensive investigation was launched
15 in the immediate aftermath, and the results showed that Deputy
16 Lindell acted without regard for his own safety and, by his
17 actions, saved the life of Sergeant Summerlin; Deputy Lindell
18 went above and beyond the call of duty and acted in an
19 appropriate manner during this critical event, saving the life
20 of a fellow deputy sheriff and also preserving the safety of
21 the community; and

22 WHEREAS, Deputy Lindell is a brave law enforcement
23 officer and a worthy exemplar of those caring and dedicated
24 men and women who stand ever ready to provide prompt and
25 professional response in times of crisis, and he is highly
26 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
27 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
3 Deputy Robert Lindell of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office
4 as a nominee for the 2013 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
5 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
6 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.