

1 HR278
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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
4 RFD:
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY TONY WAYNE BLACKWELL AS A NOMINEE
9 FOR THE 2013 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Deputy Tony Wayne Blackwell of the DeKalb County
14 Sheriff's Office as a nominee for the 2013 Alabama Legislative
15 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, Deputy Blackwell has provided outstanding
19 service to his community as a patrol deputy, K-9 handler, Drug
20 Agent, and a member of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Mounted
21 Unit since joining the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office in 2007;
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23 WHEREAS, on June 8, 2012, he encountered an armed
24 suspect who had attempted to flee from the deputy and pulled
25 his weapon on the deputy; Deputy Blackwell had to use deadly
26 force to protect himself and an Alabama State Trooper involved
27 in the chase; and

1 WHEREAS, after checking on his injured fellow
2 officer, he performed CPR on the suspect until medical
3 personnel arrived; he demonstrated characteristic courage and
4 compassion during the incident; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Blackwell is a worthy exemplar of
6 those caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready
7 to provide prompt and professional response in times of
8 crisis, and he is highly deserving of this distinguished
9 nomination for the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
10 Enforcement; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
13 Deputy Tony Wayne Blackwell of the DeKalb County Sheriff's
14 Office as a nominee for the 2013 Legislative Medal of Honor
15 for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
16 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.