

1 HJR272  
2 151684-2  
3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 10-APR-13

8 COMMENDING DEPUTY GAYLON PHILLIPS OF THE LAUDERDALE  
9 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 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 Gaylon Phillips of the Lauderdale County  
14 Sheriff's Department as a nominee for the 2013 Alabama  
15 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's  
16 highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the  
17 line of duty; and

18 WHEREAS, on November 3, 2012, Deputy Gaylon Phillips  
19 was dispatched to do a welfare check on a resident of  
20 Lauderdale County that was said to be suicidal; upon arriving  
21 on the scene, he was advised that the resident was also  
22 intoxicated, displaying bizarre behavior, and was in  
23 possession of a gun; and

24 WHEREAS, while Deputy Phillips and his Reserve  
25 Deputy worked as team to diffuse the situation, the resident  
26 fully extended his weapon pointing it at Deputy Phillips after  
27 being told by both deputies to put the weapon down; and

1               WHEREAS, both deputies fired their duty weapons at  
2     the resident who then collapsed to the floor; Deputy Phillips  
3     advised 911 of shots being fired and requested EMS; he cleared  
4     the remainder of the house while the other deputy remained  
5     with the resident; and

6               WHEREAS, in addition to being an asset to the  
7     Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Phillips is a  
8     loving husband, father, and Christian; and

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

15              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16    HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
17    Deputy Gaylon Phillips of the Lauderdale County Sheriff's  
18    Department as a nominee for the 2013 Legislative Medal of  
19    Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of  
20    this resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.