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2 151712-2  
3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 10-APR-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3                   COMMENDING OFFICER STEPHEN HANNS OF THE BIRMINGHAM  
4 POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2013 ALABAMA  
5 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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7                   WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
8 recognize Officer Stephen Hanns of the Birmingham Police  
9 Department as a nominee for the 2013 Alabama Legislative Medal  
10 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law  
11 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of  
12 duty; and

13                   WHEREAS, Officer Hanns is a three-year veteran of  
14 the Birmingham Police Department; and

15                   WHEREAS, on December 15, 2012, in the early morning  
16 hours, an armed suspect entered St. Vincent's Hospital, taking  
17 an on-duty security guard hostage, and began to terrorize  
18 hospital staff and patients as he made his way through the  
19 hospital; and

20                   WHEREAS, Officer Hanns was one of five officers  
21 assigned to the South Precinct who arrived on the scene and  
22 instantly realized that they were dealing with an active  
23 shooter situation; without hesitation, he and the other  
24 officers made their way to the 5th Floor, where they believed  
25 the suspect to be; as they neared a bank of elevators, they

1 came face to face with him, and he immediately began firing on  
2 them; and

1                   their quick actions and disregard for their personal safety  
2                   saved the lives of untold innocent people; and

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

9                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10                  HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
11                  Officer Stephen Hanns of the Birmingham Police Department as a  
12                  nominee for the 2013 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law  
13                  Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this  
14                  resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 11-APR-13.

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Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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