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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 SHERIFF KENNY HARDEN OF BUTLER COUNTY AS
4 A NOMINEE FOR THE 2013 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
8 recognize Sheriff Kenny Harden of Butler County as nominee for
9 the 2013 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
10 Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for
11 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, on August 28, 2012, around midnight,
13 Sheriff Harden received notification from the ABI, United
14 States Marshal, Wilcox County Sheriff's Department, and Camden
15 Police Department that they were facing a hostage situation in
16 Wilcox County involving an escaped inmate from the Department
17 of Corrections, who was holding a female hostage; and

18 WHEREAS, this inmate had been incarcerated at the
19 Butler County Correctional Facility numerous times, and was
20 known to Sheriff Harden; the subject had been in a standoff
21 with authorities since early afternoon and, after negotiations
22 failed, requested that Sheriff Harden be called; and

23 WHEREAS, after Sheriff Harden spoke with the
24 subject, Major Albert McKee was notified of the situation and
25 the two law enforcement officers drove to Wilcox County and

1 were able to speak with the inmate; after approximately an
2 hour, the inmate requested to see his mother and be brought
3 back to Butler County to be housed until the proper
4 authorities could pick him up; when an agreement was reached
5 and the hostage was set free, the subject was allowed to speak
6 with his mother and was then transported back to Butler County
7 Correctional Facility to await transfer; and

8 WHEREAS, Sheriff Harden thereby managed to obtain
9 the inmate's surrender and the hostage's freedom with no harm
10 to anyone, an exceptionally successful outcome in a
11 potentially devastating situation; and

12 WHEREAS, Sheriff Harden is a wise and brave law
13 enforcement officer and a worthy exemplar of those caring and
14 dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to provide prompt
15 and professional response in times of crisis, and he is highly
16 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
17 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
20 Sheriff Kenny Harden of Butler County as a nominee for the
21 2013 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct
22 that he receive a copy of this resolution as evidence of our
23 admiration and esteem.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

18-APR-13

Adopted