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3 By Representatives Faust, Baker, Shiver, McCutcheon, Davis,
4 Bracy and McMillan
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 02-APR-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING JOHN MCDONALD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
4 AND BEING NAMED OFFICER OF THE YEAR BY THE ALABAMA STATE LODGE
5 OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE.

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7 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
8 herein proudly conveyed to John McDonald in recognition of his
9 outstanding accomplishments and being named Officer of the
10 Year by the Alabama State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of
11 Police (FOP); and

12 WHEREAS, John McDonald is a former Fairhope Police
13 Officer as well as a founder and 35-year member of Fairhope's
14 FOP Lodge 43; and

15 WHEREAS, John McDonald began his distinguished law
16 enforcement career with the City of Bay Minette in 1971 prior
17 to being hired as a dispatcher with the Fairhope Police
18 Department; in 1976, he became a Fairhope Patrol Officer and
19 diligently assisted with many charitable activities and youth
20 events sponsored by the city and the police department; in
21 1985, he was hired as a Deputy with the Baldwin County
22 Sheriff's Office and retired in 1995; and

23 WHEREAS, over the span of 30 years, John McDonald
24 has held every office in Lodge 43 multiple times; he has also
25 fulfilled leadership positions in the state FOP organization,

1 including 12 years as a trustee and a former member of the
2 legislative committee, and has been active in the national FOP
3 organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Lodge 43 in Fairhope has grown from a
5 membership of 41 in the mid-1980s to approximately 300 active
6 members and 200 associate members in 2013, making it one of
7 the top ten FOP Lodges in the State of Alabama; the lodge also
8 has a beautiful, debt-free building, an outside pavilion and
9 firing range which is used for training purposes by many law
10 enforcement agencies from the local to the national levels;
11 retired officers are also able to hone and maintain their
12 skills with frequent practice, and civilians are offered
13 hands-on training as part of gun safety classes; and

14 WHEREAS, the dedicated and tireless efforts of John
15 McDonald and a few other individuals are largely responsible
16 for the growth and success of Lodge 43; he has also been
17 active in community organizations and has served as a Deacon
18 at Fairhope Avenue Baptist Church for more than two decades;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, through the years, John McDonald has earned
21 respect for his exceptional abilities and unwavering
22 commitment; his contributions to law enforcement, the City of
23 Fairhope, and the State of Alabama are far-reaching and
24 innumerable, and he is truly deserving of special recognition;
25 now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That John McDonald is most highly
3 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered with
4 heartiest congratulations to him on his well-deserved
5 selection as Officer of the Year by the Alabama State Lodge of
6 the Fraternal Order of Police.

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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 04-APR-13.

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16 Senate

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Adopted

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