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3       By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER JAMES WALKER OF THE MONROEVILLE  
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2014 ALABAMA  
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Officer James Walker of the Monroeville Police  
14 Department as a nominee for the 2014 Alabama Legislative Medal  
15 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law  
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of  
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, while on patrol on October 21, 2013,  
19 Officer James Walker received a radio call informing him that  
20 a structure at an apartment complex nearby was on fire; he  
21 immediately responded and arrived at the location two minutes  
22 later; and

23 WHEREAS, upon arrival, Officer Walker noticed smoke  
24 billowing from the door of the apartment; nearby civilians  
25 advised him that the tenant was still inside; and

26 WHEREAS, without regard for his own safety, Officer  
27 Walker entered the apartment, crawling on his hands and knees

1 to avoid being enveloped by the heavy smoke; he was able to  
2 locate the man, who was unconscious on the floor of the  
3 kitchen; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Walker dragged the unconscious man  
5 across the floor and outside the apartment to safety; both he  
6 and the tenant were transported to a local hospital for  
7 treatment of smoke inhalation; and

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

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor  
16 Monroeville Officer James Walker as a nominee for the 2014  
17 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that  
18 he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our  
19 admiration and esteem.