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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER HENRY HIGGINS OF THE BIRMINGHAM
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 Henry Higgins of the Birmingham 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, Officer Higgins has been with the
19 Birmingham Police Department for ten years and is assigned to
20 the North Precinct; and

21 WHEREAS, on December 1, 2013, Officer Higgins
22 responded with two other officers to a call for back up help
23 on north bound I-59 at the interchange of I-65 and upon
24 arrival, observed a male positioned to jump from a bridge into
25 oncoming traffic; and

26 WHEREAS, Officer Demarcus Mitchell, who had been
27 first on the scene, was attempting to secure the male to

1 prevent the man from jumping; Officer Higgins and two other
2 officers helped secure the male and Officer Mitchell, to
3 prevent them from falling over the edge of the railing; and

4 WHEREAS, if not for the actions of Officer Higgins
5 and the other two officers, the citizen and Officer Mitchell
6 would most likely have died as a result of falling onto the
7 interstate; and Officer Higgins showed extreme bravery in
8 securing the citizen and Officer Mitchell; and

9 WHEREAS, the quick and selfless actions of Officer
10 Higgins saved the life of a citizen and a fellow officer; the
11 dedicated service of Officer Higgins contributes greatly to
12 the safety and quality of life for the citizens of Birmingham,
13 and he is truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for
14 the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now
15 therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
18 Officer Henry Higgins of the Birmingham Police Department as a
19 nominee for the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
20 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
21 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.