

1 HJR344
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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 18-MAR-14

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING OFFICER HENRY HIGGINS OF THE BIRMINGHAM
4 POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2014 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 Henry Higgins of the Birmingham Police
9 Department as a nominee for the 2014 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 Higgins has been with the
14 Birmingham Police Department for ten years and is assigned to
15 the North Precinct; and

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

21 WHEREAS, Officer Demarcus Mitchell, who had been
22 first on the scene, was attempting to secure the male to
23 prevent the man from jumping; Officer Higgins and two other
24 officers helped secure the male and Officer Mitchell, to
25 prevent them from falling over the edge of the railing; and

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

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

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
15 Officer Henry Higgins of the Birmingham Police Department as a
16 nominee for the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
17 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
18 resolution as evidence of our 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 18-MAR-14.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

19-MAR-14

Adopted