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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
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8 COMMENDING LIEUTENANT C. OLIVER OF THE MONTGOMERY
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 Lieutenant C. Oliver of the Montgomery 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, Lieutenant Oliver, who held the rank of
19 Sergeant at the time of the event for which he is nominated,
20 was among four officers who responded to a call on August 12,
21 2013, in reference to a suicide attempt; upon arrival, they
22 learned that a man had become irate during a domestic argument
23 and barricaded himself in the attic while threatening to
24 commit suicide; and

25 WHEREAS, the officers were able to gain entry into
26 the residence through a side window, noticed a large knife on
27 the floor, and began to clear the residence in an attempt to

1 locate the subject, whom they found standing on a dresser with
2 a cable cord around his neck attached to a brace in the attic;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, through a critical span of time, the
5 officers reasoned with the subject, who went through various
6 emotional states from anger to depression to suicide, taking
7 the cord from his neck and then replacing it; at one point, he
8 stepped off the dresser and swung by his neck, appearing to
9 lose and regain consciousness; the officers lifted the subject
10 to relieve the pressure from the cord and desperately began
11 trying to free the cord from the brace despite the actions of
12 the subject; and

13 WHEREAS, through their quick thinking, diligence,
14 and determination, the officers were finally successful in
15 freeing the subject and were able to save his life; and

16 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Oliver and the other officers
17 displayed incredible dedication to their profession by putting
18 themselves in harm's way to save someone's life; the unknown
19 was before them, and they pushed forward without regard to
20 their own safety, and acted in an expedient manner to
21 facilitate the rescue of an individual who most certainly
22 would have perished without their intervention; and

23 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Oliver epitomizes the qualities
24 of those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of
25 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of
26 Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
3 Lieutenant C. Oliver of the Montgomery Police Department as a
4 nominee for the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
5 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
6 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.