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8 COMMENDING OFFICER A.S. WRIGHT 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 Officer A.S. Wright 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, Officer Wright was among four officers who
19 responded to a call on August 12, 2013, in reference to a
20 suicide attempt; upon arrival, they learned that a man had
21 become irate during a domestic argument and barricaded himself
22 in the attic while threatening to commit suicide; and

23 WHEREAS, the officers were able to gain entry into
24 the residence through a side window, noticed a large knife on
25 the floor, and began to clear the residence in an attempt to
26 locate the subject, whom they found standing on a dresser with

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

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

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

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

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor

1 Officer A.S. Wright of the Montgomery Police Department as a
2 nominee for the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
3 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
4 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.