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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING LIEUTENANT C. OLIVER OF THE MONTGOMERY
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 Lieutenant C. Oliver of the Montgomery 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, Lieutenant Oliver, who held the rank of
14 Sergeant at the time of the event for which he is nominated,
15 was among four officers who responded to a call on August 12,
16 2013, in reference to a suicide attempt; upon arrival, they
17 learned that a man had become irate during a domestic argument
18 and barricaded himself in the attic while threatening to
19 commit suicide; and

20 WHEREAS, the officers were able to gain entry into
21 the residence through a side window, noticed a large knife on
22 the floor, and began to clear the residence in an attempt to
23 locate the subject, whom they found standing on a dresser with
24 a cable cord around his neck attached to a brace in the attic;
25 and

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

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

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

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor

1 Lieutenant C. Oliver 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.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 19-MAR-14.

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