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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER MORRIS GARNER OF THE BIRMINGHAM
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2015 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 Morris Garner of the Birmingham Police
14 Department as a nominee for the 2015 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, on January 12, 2014, at 6:45 a.m., Officer
19 Garner responded to a call in reference to a house fire with
20 the possibility of people trapped inside; upon arriving on the
21 scene, he noticed that the residence was engulfed in flames
22 and that a woman was trapped inside screaming for help; and

23 WHEREAS, without hesitation, Officer Garner rushed
24 into the burning home, locating the woman in distress and
25 carrying her out of the house to safety; he and another
26 officer attempted to reenter the house to search for more

1 victims, but they were turned away due to the intense flames
2 and smoke; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Garner and the lady he rescued both
4 suffered smoke inhalation injuries and received treatment at a
5 hospital; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Garner demonstrated quick thinking,
7 diligence, and courageous determination in a highly dangerous
8 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to serve were
9 evidenced by his willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice to
10 preserve a life; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Garner epitomizes the qualities of
12 those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of this
13 distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of Honor
14 for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
17 Officer Morris Garner as a nominee for the 2015 Legislative
18 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive
19 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and
20 esteem.