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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER NOEL HALL OF THE CITY OF  
9 BIRMINGHAM 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 Noel Hall of the City of 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, Officer Hall was off duty shopping inside  
19 of a business in Trussville, Alabama, on November 16, 2014,  
20 when he witnessed two masked gunmen enter the store and heard  
21 one of the say, "Open the register, or I will kill you!"  
22 Officer Hall immediately drew his off duty weapon and tried to  
23 observe the suspect while remaining concealed; he observed  
24 another customer and motioned for him to get on the ground and  
25 hide; and

26 WHEREAS, while Officer Hall was still assessing the  
27 situation, he observed a masked male acting as lookout at the

1 front door; when the lookout noticed Officer Hall, Officer  
2 Hall silently pointed his handgun at him, causing him to flee  
3 the scene; Officer Hall then heard the other suspect, who was  
4 still unaware of Officer Hall's presence ask the store clerk  
5 for knowledge of the location of the safe; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Hall was better able to observe the  
7 second suspect, who he realized was holding the store clerk  
8 with one hand while holding a handgun to the clerk's head; at  
9 this point, Officer Hall felt confronting the suspect would  
10 jeopardize the safety of the clerk, the customers, his  
11 girlfriend who was also in the store, and the two children  
12 sitting in a car at the store entrance; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Hall continued to monitor the  
14 incident from a concealed position, hoping the gunman would  
15 obtain the money he was after and leave the store without any  
16 violence; however, he noticed that the two children waiting in  
17 the car on their father, the customer Officer Hall asked to  
18 take cover, were starting to walk into the store; afraid that  
19 the gunman would resort to violence if the children entered  
20 the store, Officer Hall emerged from his place of concealment  
21 and confronted the gunman, ordering him to drop the weapon;  
22 fortunately, the robber chose to flee out the back door;  
23 Officer Hall chased the suspect to ensure he had in fact left  
24 the business and returned to the front of the store to secure  
25 it in case the suspect tried to double back; and

1                   WHEREAS, Trussville Police were notified and quickly  
2 apprehended the lookout suspect; afterward, they were able to  
3 identify and apprehend the armed gunman; and

4                   WHEREAS, while off duty, Officer Hall expertly  
5 handled a highly dangerous situation despite the limitations  
6 of not being equipped with radio communications with fellow  
7 law enforcement officers and a ballistic vest; in addition, he  
8 had no evidence that the gunman would not shoot him when  
9 confronted; and

10                  WHEREAS, Officer Hall demonstrated immense courage,  
11 diligence, and quick thinking during a volatile scenario; his  
12 loyalty to protect and serve was evidenced through his  
13 willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice to preserve lives;  
14 and

15                  WHEREAS, Officer Hall epitomizes the qualities of  
16 those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of this  
17 distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of Honor  
18 for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

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