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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
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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 though 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.