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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER DANIEL AGUIRRE 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 Daniel Aguirre 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, in the early morning hours of April 24,
19 2014, Officer Aguirre and his partner, Officer Richard Hulska,
20 were on normal patrol when they observed two subjects walking
21 in an alley in the eastern side of Birmingham whose
22 appearances matched the description of two suspects that were
23 involved in a robbery several hours before; and

24 WHEREAS, Officers Aguirre and Hulska exited their
25 patrol car in order to conduct a field interview; Officer
26 Hulska asked one of the subjects if he had any weapons on him,
27 but the subject failed to answer and turned to walk away; it

1 was then that Officer Hulska observed the butt of a handgun
2 sticking out of the subject's pants pocket; Officer Hulska
3 tried to detain the suspect, who began to struggle with him;
4 Officer Aguirre came to the assistance of Officer Hulska and
5 used his Taser to subdue the suspect, allowing Officer Hulska
6 to gain more control of the suspect; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Aguirre then quickly engaged the
8 second suspect with his hands, and they both went to the
9 ground; while attempting to control the second suspect on the
10 ground, Officer Aguirre observed the suspect brandish a
11 handgun and point it at Officer Hulska, who was still engaged
12 with the first suspect; without a moment's hesitation, Officer
13 Aguirre acted on his training and quickly regained his
14 footing, ordering the second suspect to drop the weapon; the
15 suspect rolled onto his side and pointed the gun at Officer
16 Aguirre, who was then forced to fire his duty weapon at the
17 suspect causing the suspect to drop the weapon before he could
18 fire a shot; Officer Aguirre quickly secured the weapon; he
19 placed the second suspect under arrest and requested medical
20 attention for him; and

21 WHEREAS, through his quick thinking, diligence, and
22 determination, Officer Aguirre prevented a dangerous suspect
23 from seriously harming his partner and himself; his
24 meritorious actions are indicative of his unwavering
25 commitment and loyalty to serve and protect; and

26 WHEREAS, Officer Aguirre epitomizes the qualities of
27 those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of this

1 distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of Honor
2 for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
5 Officer Daniel Aguirre as a nominee for the 2015 Legislative
6 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive
7 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and
8 esteem.