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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
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8 COMMENDING ALABAMA STATE TROOPER DAVID BOX AS A
9 NOMINEE FOR THE 2015 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Alabama State Trooper David Box as a nominee for the
14 2015 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,
15 Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary
16 courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, on Thursday, December 11, 2014, Trooper Box
18 was conducting a traffic stop in Marion County on a vehicle
19 driven by Ms. Denise Carleton of Cummings, Georgia, when a
20 tractor trailer traveling westbound crossed the fog line onto
21 the shoulder of the roadway in a direct path towards Trooper
22 Box and Ms. Carleton; and

23 WHEREAS, Trooper Box, who realized a collision was
24 imminent, shouted at Mrs. Carleton to move her vehicle to
25 avoid being struck by the oncoming tractor trailer; as Trooper
26 Box began to run down the shoulder embankment, the tractor
27 trailer crashed into the rear of his patrol vehicle before

1 colliding into Mrs. Carleton's vehicle with her inside; the
2 initial impact forced Trooper Box's vehicle into his path,
3 which subsequently struck and threw him into a drainage ditch;
4 as a result of the impact, Trooper Box sustained serious
5 injuries that rendered him immobile; and

6 WHEREAS, lying face down on the ground with both of
7 his arms underneath him and with no regard to his own health
8 and safety, Trooper Box directed surrounding witnesses to
9 check on Mrs. Carleton and the driver of the tractor trailer;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, despite incurring major injuries, Trooper
12 Box remained alert and calm; as he began to slide further down
13 the embankment from the initial point of impact, he had the
14 presence of mind to realize he needed to get in a stabilized
15 position to prevent further injury; he instructed the tractor
16 trailer driver to sit in front of him to keep his body stable;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Service personnel arrived
19 and stabilized Trooper Box enough so he could be airlifted to
20 Druid City Hospital, where it was determined that his injuries
21 were so severe that he needed to be immediately airlifted to
22 The University of Alabama Birmingham Hospital for emergency
23 surgery and treatment; and

24 WHEREAS, throughout his ordeal, Trooper Box
25 maintained his composure and upheld his Department's noble
26 motto, placing the safety and well-being of others before his
27 own; and

1 WHEREAS, Trooper Box demonstrated quick thinking,
2 diligence, and sheer determination in a highly dangerous
3 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to serve and
4 preserve lives were evidenced by his willingness to make the
5 ultimate sacrifice while in the line of duty; and

6 WHEREAS, a pillar of the community, Trooper Box has
7 shown tremendous compassion for others on more than one
8 occasion; his heroic actions during the collision do not
9 surprise those who are fortunate enough to know him; his
10 positive outlook has been a source of inspiration and
11 admiration; throughout his distinguished career, he has
12 revealed courage and selfless service to the citizens of the
13 State of Alabama; and

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

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
20 Trooper David Box as a nominee for the 2015 Legislative Medal
21 of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy
22 of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.