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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
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8 COMMENDING LIEUTENANT COREY BOOTHE OF THE CITY OF
9 OPP POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2016 ALABAMA
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Lieutenant Corey Boothe of the City of Opp Police
14 Department as a nominee for the 2016 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 July 16, 2015, a vehicle crashed on U.S.
19 Highway 84 West in Opp; the driver left the scene, stopped a
20 Department of Transportation truck, and displayed a handgun;
21 the truck driver was able to drive away from the individual
22 and the individual continued running down the roadway towards
23 highway workers and an occupied church; and

24 WHEREAS, two Opp Police Department officers,
25 Lieutenant Corey Boothe and Officer Spencer Youmans, responded
26 to the call for the initial accident and continued following
27 the driver who was on foot; upon seeing the armed individual

approaching the highway workers and the occupied church, Lieutenant Boothe and Officer Youmans positioned themselves in front of the individual and approached him; and the individual screamed and behaved in an incoherent manner waving the gun and threatening others; ultimately the driver opened fire on the officers; the officers returned fire striking the individual; the officers immediately called for medical assistance and rendered first aid to the shooter; and

WHEREAS, without a moment's hesitation, Lieutenant Corey Boothe and Officer Spencer Youmans placed themselves in the path of danger to protect others in the area; this quick thinking and action saved the lives of the highway workers and those occupying the church; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Corey Boothe demonstrated immense courage, diligence, and quick response in a highly dangerous situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect and serve the residents of Opp were evidenced through his willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice in order to preserve a life; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Corey Boothe epitomizes the qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor Lieutenant Corey Boothe as a nominee for the 2016 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive

1 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and
2 esteem.