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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING SERGEANT JOHN SHARP OF THE DECATUR POLICE
9 DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2016 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL
10 OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Sergeant John Sharp of the City of Decatur 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 May 23, 2015, a small pickup truck left
19 the roadway of U. S. Highway 31 and plunged into Flint Creek;
20 the driver, Shane Edge, was still trapped inside as the
21 vehicle began to submerge into the dark waters; and

22 WHEREAS, three Decatur Police Department officers,
23 Sergeant John Sharp, Officer Larry Sharpley, and Officer James
24 Harton, responded to the emergency call and rushed to assist
25 Mr. Edge; ignoring their own safety, the officers entered the
26 water, broke the windshield, and pulled Mr. Edge to safety;
27 and

1 WHEREAS, without a moment's hesitation, Sergeant
2 John Sharp placed himself in the path of danger to protect Mr.
3 Edge; his quick thinking and actions saved the life of Mr.
4 Edge; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant John Sharp demonstrated immense
6 courage, diligence, and quick response in a highly dangerous
7 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect
8 and serve the residents of Decatur were evidenced through his
9 willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice in order to
10 preserve a life; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant John Sharp epitomizes the
12 qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly
13 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
14 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
17 Sergeant John Sharp as a nominee for the 2016 Legislative
18 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive
19 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and
20 esteem.