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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 07-APR-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3           COMMENDING SERGEANT JOHN SHARP OF THE DECATUR POLICE  
4 DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2016 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL  
5 OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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7           WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
8 recognize Sergeant John Sharp of the City of Decatur Police  
9 Department as a nominee for the 2016 Alabama Legislative Medal  
10 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law  
11 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of  
12 duty; and

13           WHEREAS, on May 23, 2015, a small pickup truck left  
14 the roadway of U. S. Highway 31 and plunged into Flint Creek;  
15 the driver, Shane Edge, was still trapped inside as the  
16 vehicle began to submerge into the dark waters; and

17           WHEREAS, three Decatur Police Department officers,  
18 Sergeant John Sharp, Officer Larry Sharpley, and Officer James  
19 Harton, responded to the emergency call and rushed to assist  
20 Mr. Edge; ignoring their own safety, the officers entered the  
21 water, broke the windshield, and pulled Mr. Edge to safety;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, without a moment's hesitation, Sergeant  
24 John Sharp placed himself in the path of danger to protect Mr.

1 Edge; his quick thinking and actions saved the life of Mr.  
2 Edge; and

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 12-APR-16.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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