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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER THOMAS C. TRAYLOR OF THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AS A NOMINEE
10 FOR THE 2017 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT.
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13 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
14 recognize Senior Conservation Enforcement Officer Thomas C.
15 Traylor of the Department of Conservation and Natural
16 Resources as a nominee for the 2017 Alabama Legislative Medal
17 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
18 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
19 duty; and

20 WHEREAS, on July 9, 2016, Senior Officer Traylor
21 responded to a call for assistance in a situation involving a
22 hostage; the suspect had fired at deputies of the Randolph
23 County Sheriff's Department and barricaded himself in a travel
24 trailer with a hostage; when Officer Traylor arrived at the
25 scene, the suspect opened fire and gravely injured one of the
26 deputies; Officer Traylor immediately returned fire and
27 continued to discharge his firearm until the injured officer

1 could be rescued and transported to a life flight helicopter;
2 Officer Traylor provided aid and cover for the officers around
3 him during a stand-off that lasted several hours and included
4 state and local officers from multiple jurisdictions; the
5 situation ended when the gunman took his own life; and

6 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation and
7 without a moment's hesitation, Officer Thomas C. Traylor
8 placed himself in the line of peril and stopped the individual
9 from inflicting further harm or death and ended an eminent
10 threat to civilians in the immediate area; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Thomas C. Traylor demonstrated
12 immense courage, diligence, and quick response in a
13 life-threatening situation; his loyalty and unwavering
14 commitment to protect and serve the residents of Randolph
15 County were evidenced through his willingness to make the
16 quick and proper response in order to protect the lives of
17 others; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Thomas C. Traylor epitomizes the
19 qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly
20 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
21 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
24 Senior Conservation Enforcement Officer Thomas C. Traylor as a
25 nominee for the 2017 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
26 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
27 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.

