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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING SERGEANT LARRY TOLAND, OFFICER ZACKARY  
9 DAVIS, AND CORPORAL PAT SANDERS OF THE MOBILE POLICE  
10 DEPARTMENT AND OFFICER CLARENCE ADAMS OF THE PRICHARD POLICE  
11 DEPARTMENT AS NOMINEES FOR THE 2017 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL  
12 OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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14 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
15 recognize Sergeant Larry Toland, Officer Zackary Davis, and  
16 Corporal Pat Sanders of the Mobile Police Department and  
17 Officer Clarence Adams of the Prichard Police Department as  
18 nominees for the 2017 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for  
19 Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for  
20 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

21 WHEREAS, during the early morning hours of April 1,  
22 2016, Sergeant Larry Toland, Officer Zackary Davis, Corporal  
23 Pat Sanders, and Officer Clarence Adams, members of the Mobile  
24 County Street Enforcement Narcotics Team, led the undercover  
25 operation designed to apprehend "Rider," the self-proclaimed  
26 leader of a compound located in a rural area of Mobile County  
27 that was used as a drug distribution hub for other illegal

1 activities; upon his arrival at the location of the sting,  
2 Rider attempted to flee from the officers; Officer Davis  
3 caught up with him and Sergeant Toland and Officer Adams  
4 arrived seconds later; Rider continued to fight with the three  
5 officers and fired a Glock pistol, striking Officer Davis in  
6 the abdomen; with Officer Davis now incapacitated, Rider fired  
7 from less than five feet away at Sergeant Toland, Officer  
8 Adams, and Corporal Sanders who had arrived on the scene;  
9 Sergeant Toland, Officer Adams, and Corporal Sanders returned  
10 fire and incapacitated the suspect despite the fact that he  
11 was wearing a military style Kevlar vest and a motorcycle  
12 helmet; Sergeant Toland, Officer Adams, and Corporal Sanders  
13 secured the wounded assailant and carried gravely wounded  
14 Officer Davis to a Mobile County Sheriff's Department patrol  
15 car that had stopped to investigate; Officer Davis was  
16 transported to the hospital; and

17 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation and  
18 without a moment's hesitation, Sergeant Larry Toland, Officer  
19 Zackary Davis, Corporal Pat Sanders, and Officer Clarence  
20 Adams placed themselves in the line of peril and stopped the  
21 individual from carrying out additional heinous acts of crime  
22 and harming or killing others; and

23 WHEREAS, Sergeant Larry Toland, Officer Zackary  
24 Davis, Corporal Pat Sanders, and Officer Clarence Adams  
25 demonstrated immense courage, diligence, and quick response in  
26 a life-threatening situation; their loyalty and unwavering  
27 commitment to protect and serve the residents of Mobile and

1 Prichard, Alabama, were evidenced through their quick and  
2 proper response in order to protect the lives of others; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Larry Toland, Officer Zackary  
4 Davis, Corporal Pat Sanders, and Officer Clarence Adams  
5 epitomize the qualities of those who serve and protect, and  
6 they are truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for  
7 the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now  
8 therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
11 Sergeant Larry Toland, Officer Zackary Davis, Corporal Pat  
12 Sanders, and Officer Clarence Adams as nominees for the 2017  
13 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that  
14 each receive a copy of this resolution as evidence of our  
15 admiration and esteem.