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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
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COMMENDING SERGEANT LARRY TOLAND, OFFICER ZACKARY DAVIS, AND CORPORAL PAT SANDERS OF THE MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OFFICER CLARENCE ADAMS OF THE PRICHARD POLICE DEPARTMENT AS NOMINEES FOR THE 2017 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we recognize Sergeant Larry Toland, Officer Zackary Davis, and Corporal Pat Sanders of the Mobile Police Department and Officer Clarence Adams of the Prichard Police Department as nominees for the 2017 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, during the early morning hours of April 1, 2016, Sergeant Larry Toland, Officer Zackary Davis, Corporal Pat Sanders, and Officer Clarence Adams, members of the Mobile County Street Enforcement Narcotics Team, led the undercover operation designed to apprehend "Rider," the self-proclaimed leader of a compound located in a rural area of Mobile County 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, 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.