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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING CORPORAL TOLIVER AND OFFICER LEONARD OF
4 THE IRONDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS NOMINEES FOR THE 2017
5 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
8 recognize Corporal Toliver and Officer Leonard of the Irondale
9 Police Department as nominees for the 2017 Alabama Legislative
10 Medal 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 June 9, 2016, Corporal Toliver responded
14 to a call reporting a suspect looking into vehicles in a
15 shopping center parking lot and pulling on door handles;
16 Corporal Toliver located the suspect and began talking to him;
17 the suspect ran and jumped in his vehicle and attempted to
18 flee; Officer Leonard, who had also responded to the call,
19 reached through the suspect's vehicle window in an attempt to
20 grab the keys out of the ignition; the suspect accelerated his
21 vehicle dragging Officer Leonard across the parking lot;
22 Officer Leonard rolled out of the path of the car and avoided
23 being run over by the speeding vehicle; Corporal Toliver
24 jumped into his vehicle and pursued the fleeing suspect;
25 Officer Leonard joined Corporal Toliver in the pursuit through

1 Irondale and eventually into Birmingham city limits; the
2 suspect eventually ran through a stop sign and struck another
3 vehicle; the suspect crawled through the window of his
4 incapacitated car and fled on foot; Corporal Toliver and
5 Officer Leonard proceeded to chase the suspect on foot; they
6 deployed their tasers causing the suspect to trip and fall;
7 the suspect pulled a gun out of his waistband and pointed it
8 at Corporal Toliver attempting to shoot him; both officers
9 fired their duty weapons and shot the suspect, who died on the
10 scene; and

11 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation and
12 without a moment's hesitation, Officer Toliver and Officer
13 Leonard placed themselves in the line of peril and stopped an
14 individual, who proved to be a danger to the public and showed
15 he would do anything to avoid apprehension, from harming or
16 killing anyone; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Toliver and Officer Leonard
18 demonstrated immense courage, diligence, and quick response in
19 a life-threatening situation; their loyalty and unwavering
20 commitment to protect and serve the residents of Irondale were
21 evidenced through their willingness to make the quick and
22 proper response in order to protect the lives of others; and

23 WHEREAS, Officer Toliver and Officer Leonard
24 epitomize the qualities of those who serve and protect, and
25 they are truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for

1 the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
5 Officer Toliver and Officer Leonard as nominees for the 2017
6 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that
7 they receive a copy of this resolution as evidence of our
8 admiration and esteem.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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 20-APR-17.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

27-APR-17

Adopted