

1 HJR473  
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3 By Representatives Sessions, Wilcox, Williams (JW) and Pringle  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 11-MAY-17

8 COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE GULF COAST REGIONAL  
9 FUGITIVE TASK FORCE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA FOR  
10 MERITORIOUS ACTIONS.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize the members of the Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task  
14 Force of the Southern District of Alabama for meritorious  
15 actions; and

16 WHEREAS, established in 2006, the Gulf Coast  
17 Regional Fugitive Task Force partners the United States  
18 Marshals Service with various federal, state, and local law  
19 enforcement agencies within Alabama and Mississippi with the  
20 focus of apprehending violent felons within the operating  
21 district; and

22 WHEREAS, on May 4, 2016, members of the Gulf Coast  
23 Regional Fugitive Task Force responded to call concerning a  
24 suspect who forcibly entered a residence in Mount Vernon,  
25 Alabama, during the commission of a first degree burglary and  
26 fired at least one shot that struck both the homeowner and her  
27 two-year-old child inside the residence; the Gulf Coast

1                   Regional Fugitive Task Force located the armed felon at his  
2                   residence in Citronelle, Alabama, and pursued him in the  
3                   woods, where he was quickly apprehended by canines; no shots  
4                   were fired, and the only reported injuries were dog bite  
5                   injuries incurred by the suspect; and

6                   WHEREAS, on January 29, 2016, members of the Gulf  
7                   Coast Regional Task Force tracked and apprehended a murder  
8                   suspect who was hiding beneath a trailer in Citronelle,  
9                   Alabama; the only injuries reported were dog bite injuries  
10                  incurred by the suspect; on December 9, 2015, members of the  
11                  Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force located and  
12                  apprehended a wanted fugitive barricaded in an attic in  
13                  Mobile, Alabama; again, the only injuries reported were dog  
14                  bite injuries incurred by the suspect; and

15                  WHEREAS, placed in life-threatening situations and  
16                  without a moment's hesitation, the members of the Gulf Coast  
17                  Regional Fugitive Task Force routinely place themselves in the  
18                  line of peril and stop individuals, who prove to be a danger  
19                  to the public, from harming or killing anyone; and

20                  WHEREAS, the members of the Gulf Coast Regional  
21                  Fugitive Task Force of the Southern District of Alabama have  
22                  demonstrated immense courage, diligence, and quick response in  
23                  life-threatening situations; their loyalty and unwavering  
24                  commitment to protect and serve the residents of Alabama have  
25                  been evidenced through their willingness to make the quick and  
26                  proper response in order to protect the lives of others; and

1                   WHEREAS, the members of the Gulf Coast Regional  
2 Fugitive Task Force of the Southern District of Alabama  
3 epitomize the qualities of those who serve and protect, and  
4 they are truly deserving of special commendation and praise;  
5 now therefore,

6                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
8 the members of the Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force of  
9 the Southern District of Alabama for their immeasurable  
10 service, and direct that they receive a copy of this  
11 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.