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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY JUSTIN BILLA AS A NOMINEE FOR THE  
9 2019 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
12 recognize Deputy Justin Billa as a nominee for the 2019  
13 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,  
14 Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary  
15 courage in the line of duty; and

16 WHEREAS, on February 20, 2018, Deputy Justin Billa  
17 tragically lost his life while responding to a crime at the  
18 Ridge Road West area in Mobile, Alabama, where Deputy Billa  
19 and other police found a female body, identified as Fonda  
20 Poellnitz; through continued investigation, detectives  
21 followed up on the whereabouts of Poellnitz's ex-husband,  
22 Robert Hollie; police responded to Hollie's residence and  
23 observed a vehicle that belonged to Hollie in the driveway;  
24 while waiting for additional officers to set up perimeter,  
25 Hollie emerged and fired multiple shots, with one round  
striking Officer Billa; Officer Billa was immediately removed  
27 from the scene and transported to the hospital, where he later

1 died; soon thereafter, SWAT members found Hollie deceased  
2 inside the residence from a self-inflicted gunshot wound; and

3 WHEREAS, Deputy Billa will be remembered for his  
4 immense bravery and his unwavering commitment to protect and  
5 serve others; he is truly deserving of this distinguished  
6 nomination for the 2019 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law  
7 Enforcement; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
9 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor  
10 Deputy Justin Billa for his courage and as a nominee for the  
11 2019 Legislative Medal of Honor of Law Enforcement; we  
12 dedicate this resolution to him in utmost gratitude,  
13 admiration, and esteem.