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3       By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
4       RFD:  
5       First Read: 08-MAY-19

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

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

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