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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Reynolds and Baker
4 RFD:
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COMMENDING BIRMINGHAM POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL BURNETT
AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2022 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR
FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
recognize Birmingham Police Officer Michael Burnett as a
nominee for the 2022 Alabama Legislative Law Enforcement Medal
of Honor, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for
extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2021, Officer Burnett, along
with Officer Anthony Evans, heroically saved the life of an
individual trapped in her vehicle due to rising flood waters;
upon arriving at the scene, the officers observed the occupied
vehicle was fully submerged in 6 to 7 feet of dark water;
without hesitation and risking a great deal of peril to their
own lives, both officers hastily swam into the rising flood
waters and valiantly retrieved the individual from the
submerged vehicle; and

WHEREAS, once the individual was in a safe area,
Officer Burnett and Officer Evans determined that she was not

1 breathing and had no pulse; after several minutes of CPR
2 administered by the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Personnel, the
3 individual regained a pulse; showing tremendous courage when
4 facing the threat of rising flood waters, these officers'
5 quick and selfless actions led to the life-saving rescue of a
6 woman in a vehicle immersed in water; and

7 WHEREAS, there is no greater accomplishment than to
8 seek to successfully rescue a fellow citizen whose life is
9 imperiled; Officer Burnett is a worthy exemplar of those
10 caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to
11 provide prompt and professional response in times of crisis,
12 and he is highly deserving of this distinguished nomination
13 for the Legislative Medal of Honor; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
16 Birmingham Police Officer Michael Burnett as a nominee for the
17 2022 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and a copy
18 of this resolution is a token of our high admiration and
19 esteem.