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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Reynolds and Baker
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8 COMMENDING LIMESTONE COUNTY'S SHERIFF DEPUTY LUCAS
9 FERRELL AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2022 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF
10 HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Limestone County's Sheriff Deputy Lucas Ferrell as a
14 nominee for the 2022 Alabama Legislative Law Enforcement Medal
15 of Honor, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for
16 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, Deputy Ferrell's heroic actions on July 15,
18 2021, saved the life of a swimmer drowning near the Easter
19 Ferry Bridge in Limestone County, Alabama; responding to the
20 call, Deputy Ferrell arrived at the perilous scene to find his
21 off-duty colleague, Deputy Jake Abernathy, attempting to
22 rescue the struggling swimmer; despite his best efforts and
23 because of the swift current of the river, Deputy Abernathy
24 lost his grip on the swimmer, who subsequently floated down
25 river; Deputy Abernathy again courageously swam to the
26 individual, grabbed him, and pulled him as far as he could

1 near the shoreline, but they both began to go under the water;
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3 WHEREAS, without regard to his own safety, Deputy
4 Ferrell entered the tumultuous water, swam to Deputy
5 Abernathy's location in the river and was able to help him and
6 then gain control of the victim who was in and out of
7 consciousness; Deputy Ferrell, along with Deputy Abernathy,
8 brought the swimmer close to the shoreline; with the
9 assistance of other first responders on the scene, the swimmer
10 was pulled from the water to safety; Deputy Ferrell's selfless
11 actions led to the swimmer being rescued and then transported
12 to a hospital, where he made a full recovery; and

13 WHEREAS, there is no greater accomplishment than to
14 seek to successfully rescue a fellow citizen whose life is
15 imperiled; Deputy Ferrell is a worthy exemplar of those caring
16 and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to provide
17 prompt and professional response in times of crisis, and he is
18 highly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the
19 Legislative Medal of Honor; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
22 Limestone County's Sheriff Deputy Lucas Ferrell as a nominee
23 for the 2022 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement
24 and a copy of this resolution is a token of our high
25 admiration and esteem.