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4 HR_____ COMMENDING DEPUTY BRAD JOHNSON AS A RECIPIENT FOR THE
5 2023 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
8 recognize Deputy Brad Johnson as a recipient of the 2023
9 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,
10 Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary
11 courage in the line of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, on June 29, 2022, Deputy Chris Poole
13 initiated the pursuit of a vehicle that was reported stolen
14 in Calera and driven by a 26-year-old felon, who had been
15 arrested on 46 criminal charges since the age of 17; at
16 periods during the pursuit, speeds exceeded 100 miles per
17 hour; and

18 WHEREAS, the driver lost control of the vehicle and
19 began firing gunshots towards Deputy Poole, who reported on
20 his radio that he had been shot and urged Deputy Johnson,
21 who had joined the pursuit, to back off because of the
22 continuing gunfire; and

23 WHEREAS, Deputy Johnson, who was determined to
24 provide support for Deputy Poole, arrived at the scene,
25 began firing, and placed two shots through the windshield;
as Deputy Johnson stepped onto the side rail of his
27 Sheriff's Department vehicle, he successfully fired two
28 additional rounds before sustaining a gunshot wound as well;

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29 both deputies were transported by police escort to UAB
30 Hospital in Birmingham, where Poole was treated and
31 released, and Johnson was placed on life support, which was
32 removed the following day; and

33 WHEREAS, Deputy Brad Johnson was pronounced dead
34 shortly after 3:15 P.M. on June 30, 2022; and

35 WHEREAS, for his bravery on June 29, 2022, and for
36 the events that followed, Deputy Brad Johnson, is highly
37 honored and deserving of the 2023 Legislative Medal of
38 Honor; now therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
40 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
41 the late Deputy Brad Johnson as recipient of the 2023
42 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and by copy
43 of this resolution prepared in honor and tribute, we commend
44 his memory to the citizens of Alabama.