

1 HJR308
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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 18-APR-17

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING OFFICERS COREY SARVAUNT AND JONATHAN
4 MITCHELL OF THE VESTAVIA HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT AS NOMINEES
5 FOR THE 2017 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
9 recognize Officers Corey Sarvaunt and Jonathan Mitchell of the
10 Vestavia Hills Police Department as nominees for the 2017
11 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,
12 Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary
13 courage in the line of duty; and

14 WHEREAS, on the night of January 14, 2016, Officers
15 Corey Sarvaunt and Jonathan Mitchell responded to an apartment
16 fire at the Vestawood Apartment complex on Columbiana Road in
17 Vestavia Hills, Alabama, where they found several units in the
18 complex engulfed by a raging fire that left numerous people
19 without a means of escape; a person on the second floor of the
20 complex dropped a child safely into the arms of Officer
21 Mitchell; after he heroically caught the child, the parents
22 then escaped the flames; Officers Sarvaunt and Mitchell worked
23 feverishly to evacuate the affected apartments and discovered
24 a family of five trapped inside one of the burning units; with
25 the help of two Vestavia Hills firefighters, they cut a hole

1 in a masonry wall to rescue the trapped family of two adults
2 and three children; unfortunately, there were two fatalities
3 during the apartment fire; and

4 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation and
5 without a moment's hesitation, Officers Corey Sarvaunt and
6 Jonathan Mitchell placed themselves in the line of peril and
7 saved many lives during a raging apartment fire; and

8 WHEREAS, Officers Sarvaunt and Mitchell demonstrated
9 immense courage, diligence, and quick response in a
10 life-threatening situation; their loyalty and unwavering
11 commitment to protect and serve the residents of Vestavia
12 Hills were evidenced through their ability to make a quick and
13 proper response to protect the lives of others; and

14 WHEREAS, Officers Sarvaunt and Mitchell epitomize
15 the qualities of those who serve and protect, and they are
16 truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the
17 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
20 Officers Corey Sarvaunt and Jonathan Mitchell of the Vestavia
21 Hills Police Department as nominees for the 2017 Legislative
22 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that they
23 receive a copy of this resolution as evidence of our
24 admiration and esteem.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 20-APR-17.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

27-APR-17

Adopted