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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING OFFICERS COREY SARVAUNT AND JONATHAN
9 MITCHELL OF THE VESTAVIA HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT AS NOMINEES
10 FOR THE 2017 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT.
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13 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
14 recognize Officers Corey Sarvaunt and Jonathan Mitchell of the
15 Vestavia Hills Police Department as nominees for the 2017
16 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,
17 Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary
18 courage in the line of duty; and

19 WHEREAS, on the night of January 14, 2016, Officers
20 Corey Sarvaunt and Jonathan Mitchell responded to an apartment
21 fire at the Vestawood Apartment complex on Columbiana Road in
22 Vestavia Hills, Alabama, where they found several units in the
23 complex engulfed by a raging fire that left numerous people
24 without a means of escape; a person on the second floor of the
25 complex dropped a child safely into the arms of Officer
26 Mitchell; after he heroically caught the child, the parents
27 then escaped the flames; Officers Sarvaunt and Mitchell worked

1 feverishly to evacuate the affected apartments and discovered
2 a family of five trapped inside one of the burning units; with
3 the help of two Vestavia Hills firefighters, they cut a hole
4 in a masonry wall to rescue the trapped family of two adults
5 and three children; unfortunately, there were two fatalities
6 during the apartment fire; and

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

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

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

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

