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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING OFFICERS MILES LIVINGSTON, BYRON HALL,
9 TIMOTHY JACKSON, AND CODY SOUTHWOOD, SERGEANT JOHN HARRIS, AND
10 LIEUTENANT WARD OF THE DECATUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AS NOMINEES
11 FOR THE 2017 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT.
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14 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
15 recognize Officers Miles Livingston, Byron Hall, Timothy
16 Jackson, and Cody Southwood, Sergeant John Harris, and
17 Lieutenant Ward of the Decatur Police Department as nominees
18 for the 2017 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
19 Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for
20 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

21 WHEREAS, during the early morning hours of March 5,
22 Officers Miles Livingston, Byron Hall, and Timothy Jackson
23 responded to a call of a possible structure fire at 2801
24 Sandlin Road SW and noticed smoke emanating from the roof of
25 Building B; they swiftly evacuated residents as the fire
26 contained to apartment 208 was rapidly spreading; learning of
27 the fire, Officer Cody Southwood, Sergeant John Harris, and

1 Lieutenant Ward rushed to the scene to discover the fire had
2 spread to several other apartments in the same building;
3 Officer Southwood and Sergeant Harris positioned their patrol
4 vehicles to block traffic and evacuated residents; due to the
5 early hour, several residents failed to wake up for the
6 officers; all of the officers on the scene were prompted to
7 force entry into numerous apartments that were rapidly filling
8 with smoke and evacuate all residents; Officer Southwood
9 grabbed a couple's two-year-old daughter and took her to
10 safety as the family's apartment caught fire; and

11 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation and
12 without a moment's hesitation, Officers Miles Livingston,
13 Byron Hall, Timothy Jackson, and Cody Southwood, Sergeant John
14 Harris, and Lieutenant Ward placed themselves in the line of
15 peril and saved many lives during a raging apartment fire; and

16 WHEREAS, Officers Miles Livingston, Byron Hall,
17 Timothy Jackson, and Cody Southwood, Sergeant John Harris, and
18 Lieutenant Ward demonstrated immense courage, diligence, and
19 quick response in a life-threatening situation; their loyalty
20 and unwavering commitment to protect and serve the residents
21 of Decatur were evidenced through their willingness to make
22 the quick and proper response in order to protect the lives of
23 others; and

24 WHEREAS, Officers Miles Livingston, Byron Hall,
25 Timothy Jackson, and Cody Southwood, Sergeant John Harris, and
26 Lieutenant Ward epitomize the qualities of those who serve and
27 protect, and they are truly deserving of this distinguished

1 nomination for the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
2 Enforcement; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
5 Officers Miles Livingston, Byron Hall, Timothy Jackson, and
6 Cody Southwood, Sergeant John Harris, and Lieutenant Ward of
7 the Decatur Police Department as nominees for the 2017
8 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that
9 they receive a copy of this resolution as evidence of our
10 admiration and esteem.