

1 HJR310
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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER TONY BRYANT OF THE HUNTSVILLE
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2017 ALABAMA
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Officer Tony Bryant of the Huntsville Police
14 Department as a nominee for the 2017 Alabama Legislative Medal
15 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, on June 18, 2016, Officer Tony Bryant
19 arrived at Jordan Lane near University Drive to assist Alabama
20 Law Enforcement Agency Trooper Hopkins with a suspicious
21 suspect and observed Trooper Hopkins in a life or death
22 altercation with the offender who had pulled a handgun on
23 Trooper Hopkins; Trooper Hopkins had grabbed the handgun
24 attempting to gain control and he and the offender were
25 pressed against the offender's vehicle struggling over the
26 handgun; Officer Bryant attempted to secure the offender but
27 was unable to subdue him, and Trooper Hopkins, unable to

1 disengage from the offender, was losing control of the
2 offender's arm that held the handgun; fearing for Trooper
3 Hopkins's life, Officer Bryant discharged his weapon to stop
4 the deadly threat; and

5 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation and
6 without a moment's hesitation, Officer Tony Bryant placed
7 himself in the line of peril and stopped the individual from
8 harming or killing a fellow law enforcement officer and ended
9 an eminent threat to civilians in the immediate area; for his
10 meritorious actions, Officer Bryant received the Medal of
11 Valor, the second highest medal awarded by the Huntsville
12 Police Department; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Tony Bryant demonstrated immense
14 courage, diligence, and quick response in a life-threatening
15 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect
16 and serve the residents of Huntsville were evidenced through
17 his willingness to make the quick and proper response in order
18 to protect the lives of others; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Tony Bryant epitomizes the
20 qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly
21 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
22 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
25 Officer Tony Bryant as a nominee for the 2017 Legislative
26 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive

1 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and
2 esteem.