

1 HJR307
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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 MILES LIVINGSTON, BYRON HALL,
4 TIMOTHY JACKSON, AND CODY SOUTHWOOD, SERGEANT JOHN HARRIS, AND
5 LIEUTENANT WARD OF THE DECATUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AS NOMINEES
6 FOR THE 2017 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT.
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9 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
10 recognize Officers Miles Livingston, Byron Hall, Timothy
11 Jackson, and Cody Southwood, Sergeant John Harris, and
12 Lieutenant Ward of the Decatur Police Department as nominees
13 for the 2017 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
14 Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for
15 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

16 WHEREAS, during the early morning hours of March 5,
17 Officers Miles Livingston, Byron Hall, and Timothy Jackson
18 responded to a call of a possible structure fire at 2801
19 Sandlin Road SW and noticed smoke emanating from the roof of
20 Building B; they swiftly evacuated residents as the fire
21 contained to apartment 208 was rapidly spreading; learning of
22 the fire, Officer Cody Southwood, Sergeant John Harris, and
23 Lieutenant Ward rushed to the scene to discover the fire had
24 spread to several other apartments in the same building;
25 Officer Southwood and Sergeant Harris positioned their patrol

1 vehicles to block traffic and evacuated residents; due to the
2 early hour, several residents failed to wake up for the
3 officers; all of the officers on the scene were prompted to
4 force entry into numerous apartments that were rapidly filling
5 with smoke and evacuate all residents; Officer Southwood
6 grabbed a couple's two-year-old daughter and took her to
7 safety as the family's apartment caught fire; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Officers Miles Livingston, Byron Hall,
22 Timothy Jackson, and Cody Southwood, Sergeant John Harris, and
23 Lieutenant Ward epitomize the qualities of those who serve and
24 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.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

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