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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER R.F. HUBBARD OF THE CITY OF  
9 MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2015 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 R.F. Hubbard of the City of Montgomery  
14 Police Department as a nominee for the 2015 Alabama  
15 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's  
16 highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the  
17 line of duty; and

18 WHEREAS, on October, 5, 2014, Officer Hubbard  
19 responded to Walmart at 3801 Eastern Boulevard in reference to  
20 a theft in progress; shortly after arrival, Officer Hubbard  
21 observed a man fitting the suspect's description inside of the  
22 store and approached him, attempting to take him into custody;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the suspect resisted arrest, pushing  
25 Officer Hubbard and walking backwards away from him; Officer  
26 Hubbard then drew his Taser and struck the suspect center  
27 mass; the suspect, who seemed to not be affected by the Taser,

1 pulled a handgun; Officer Hubbard drew his duty weapon, but  
2 before he could use it, the suspect shot multiple times,  
3 striking Officer Hubbard in the right forearm and right  
4 shoulder and grazing him with a bullet in the front of his  
5 neck; Officer Hubbard refused to go down and continued  
6 standing in the line of fire to maintain the suspect's focus  
7 on him and away from the customers; and

8 WHEREAS, without a moment's hesitation, Officer  
9 Hubbard placed himself in the path of danger to protect the  
10 public; Officer Hubbard disregarded his own safety and  
11 retreated back to the main lobby of the store to warn the  
12 customers and employees of the potential danger and advise  
13 them to seek cover; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Hubbard demonstrated immense  
15 courage, diligence, and quick thinking in a highly dangerous  
16 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect  
17 and serve the residents of Montgomery was evidenced through his  
18 willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice to preserve lives;  
19 and

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
26 Officer R.F. Hubbard as a nominee for the 2015 Legislative  
27 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.