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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY JEFF BERT OF THE AUTAUGA COUNTY
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2016 ALABAMA
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Deputy Jeff Bert of the Autauga County Sheriff's
14 Department as a nominee for the 2016 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 August 13, 2015, Sergeant Steve Adams
19 and Deputy Jeff Bert were returning to the Sheriff's Office
20 from a call when they were flagged down to follow someone to a
21 resident on County Road 85 where there was an infant in
22 distress, possibly drowning; upon entering the residence they
23 found an infant unresponsive and not breathing; Deputy Bert
24 swiftly administered infant back blows causing the infant to
25 spit up water and Sergeant Adams began chest compressions; the
26 Prattville Fire Medic arrived and took over the care of the
27 infant while Sergeant Adams and Deputy Bert conducted traffic

1 control for the safe arrival and departure of Life Flight for
2 the infant; and

3 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation
4 without a moment's hesitation, Sergeant Steve Adams and Deputy
5 Jeff Bert immersed themselves into the heroic action to
6 administer appropriate care and service to save the life of an
7 infant and to protect others while the infant was transported
8 for further care; undoubtedly, this quick thinking and action
9 saved the infant's life and protected others; and

10 WHEREAS, Deputy Jeff Bert demonstrated immense
11 courage, diligence, and quick response in a life-threatening
12 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect
13 and serve the residents of Autauga County were evidenced
14 through his willingness to make the quick and proper response
15 in order to preserve the life of an infant; and

16 WHEREAS, Deputy Jeff Bert epitomizes the qualities
17 of those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of
18 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of
19 Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
22 Deputy Jeff Bert as a nominee for the 2016 Legislative Medal
23 of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy
24 of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.