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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

COMMENDING JESSE FRANK FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY AND
LIFESAVING ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, it is with great honor and with highest
commendation that we recognize Jesse Frank of Pell City,
Alabama, for his rapid response in a crisis that potentially
saved the lives of 38 children on a school bus when the bus
driver lost consciousness; and

WHEREAS, Jesse is a senior at Pell City High School;
he and a friend were seated directly behind the driver on the
bus when Jesse realized something was wrong; seeing that the
driver was disoriented, he immediately called 911 on his cell
phone to seek assistance; and

WHEREAS, as the bus swerved into traffic Jesse knew
he had to act quickly; managing to keep calm and make the
correct decisions during the emergency situation, Jesse
steered the bus to the right shoulder of the road; with the
driver unconscious and still in the driver's seat, Jesse had
to operate the foot brake pedal with his hand; once the bus
was stopped, Jesse helped students off the bus and onto
another bus, allowing some students to use his cell phone to
contact their parents; and

1 WHEREAS, responding beyond the call of duty to a
2 life-threatening situation prevented a tragic accident and
3 possibly saved the lives of the students and the driver of the
4 bus; Jesse has been proclaimed a hero by school officials, the
5 Mayor of Pell City, the parents, and many others; and

6 WHEREAS, it is in times of crisis that the measure
7 of a person becomes evident, and Jesse Frank demonstrated
8 merit in multiple ways by helping control and stop the bus; he
9 put the welfare of others ahead of all other considerations
10 and utilized his knowledge and skills to make a difference; he
11 is truly deserving of special recognition for his heroic
12 actions; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to honor and
15 commend Jesse Frank for his outstanding and rapid response and
16 lifesaving actions, and this resolution is offered in
17 admiration and appreciation to him along with best wishes in
18 all future endeavors.

