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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 06-MAR-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING DEPUTIES ANDY REED, HAYDEN CLEMENTS, AND
4 TYLER CLINE OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS
5 RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that we present
9 Deputies Andy Reed, Hayden Clements, and Tyler Cline of the
10 Etowah County Sheriff's Office with the 2018 Alabama
11 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's
12 highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the
13 line of duty; and

14 WHEREAS, on May 26, 2017, while on duty at the
15 Etowah County Detention Center (ECDC), a multi-jurisdictional
16 correctional facility in Gadsden, Alabama, that houses all
17 levels of offenders, Deputies Andy Reed, Hayden Clements, and
18 Tyler Cline responded to a fire set by Immigration and Customs
19 Enforcement Agency (ICE) detainees in Unit 3, a maximum
20 security housing unit; since 1998, ECDC has housed some of the
21 most dangerous Immigration Detainees in the United States; on
22 this particular day, five Immigration Detainees from Iraq,
23 Cambodia, Vietnam, Nigeria, and Mali were plotting an alleged
24 escape attempt; all five were violent offenders who were in
25 the process of being deported to their native country; upon

1 the deputies' arrival, they found the unit on fire, saturated
2 with smoke, and filled with inmates; knowing that this unit
3 housed among the most ruthless individuals in the Detention
4 Center and that they were outnumbered three to one, the
5 deputies entered the unit without hesitation; unable to see
6 and forced to hold their breath each time, they entered the
7 unit time and time again until all persons were evacuated to a
8 safe area; after ensuring all were safe and the facility was
9 secure, these deputies continued their work, despite suffering
10 from smoke inhalation and exhaustion; the bravery and heroic
11 actions exhibited by these men saved 22 lives; their courage
12 and devotion to duty espouse the highest traditions of law
13 enforcement service and reflect great credit upon themselves,
14 the Etowah County Detention Center, and the Office of Sheriff,
15 Etowah County, Alabama; their actions further demonstrate
16 their love of country and their willingness to place their own
17 lives in harm's way to defend freedom; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
20 Deputy Hayden Clements, Deputy Tyler Cline, and Lieutenant
21 Andy Reed as recipients of the 2018 Legislative Medal of Honor
22 for Law Enforcement and direct that they receive a copy of
23 this resolution as evidence of our 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 13-MAR-18.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

15-MAR-18

Adopted