

1 HJR343
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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
4 RFD:
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING OFFICER DEMARCUS MITCHELL OF THE
4 BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2014 ALABAMA
5 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
8 recognize Officer Demarcus Mitchell of the Birmingham Police
9 Department as a nominee for the 2014 Alabama Legislative Medal
10 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
11 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
12 duty; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Mitchell has been with the
14 Birmingham Police Department for five years and is assigned to
15 the North Precinct; and

16 WHEREAS, on December 1, 2013, while travelling north
17 bound I-59 at the interchange of I-65, Officer Mitchell
18 observed a male pedestrian purposely positioned in the roadway
19 to be struck by oncoming traffic; Officer Mitchell called for
20 back up units and directed other units to block traffic on
21 I-65 below; and

22 WHEREAS, as Officer Mitchell exited his vehicle and
23 began talking to the man, the man went to the railing of the
24 bridge and stepped over threatening to jump; without regard to
25 his own personal safety, Officer Mitchell grabbed and secured

1 the man who was still over the railing; three backup officers
2 secured the man and Officer Mitchell as they were brought to
3 safety; and

4 WHEREAS, if not for the actions of Officer Mitchell
5 and the other officers, most likely, the citizen would have
6 died as a result of falling onto the interstate; and Officer
7 Mitchell showed extreme bravery in grabbing and securing the
8 citizen; and

9 WHEREAS, the quick and selfless actions of Officer
10 Mitchell saved the life of this citizen; the dedicated service
11 of Officer Mitchell contributes greatly to the safety and
12 quality of life for the citizens of Birmingham, and he is
13 truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the
14 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
17 Officer Demarcus Mitchell of the Birmingham Police Department
18 as a nominee for the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
19 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
20 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.

