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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
COMMENDING OFFICER R.F. JONES OF THE MONTGOMERY
POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2014 ALABAMA
LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
recognize Officer R.F. Jones of the Montgomery Police
Department as a nominee for the 2014 Alabama Legislative Medal
of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
duty; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jones was among four officers who
responded to a call on August 12, 2013, in reference to a
suicide attempt; upon arrival, they learned that a man had
become irate during a domestic argument and barricaded himself
in the attic while threatening to commit suicide; and

WHEREAS, the officers were able to gain entry into
the residence through a side window, noticed a large knife on
the floor, and began to clear the residence in an attempt to
locate the subject, whom they found standing on a dresser with
a cable cord around his neck attached to a brace in the attic;
and

WHEREAS, through a critical span of time, the
officers reasoned with the subject, who went through various

1 emotional states from anger to depression to suicide, taking
2 the cord from his neck and then replacing it; at one point, he
3 stepped off the dresser and swung by his neck, appearing to
4 lose and regain consciousness; the officers lifted the subject
5 to relieve the pressure from the cord and desperately began
6 trying to free the cord from the brace despite the actions of
7 the subject; and

8 WHEREAS, through their quick thinking, diligence,
9 and determination, the officers were finally successful in
10 freeing the subject and were able to save his life; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Jones and the other officers
12 displayed incredible dedication to their profession by putting
13 themselves in harm's way to save someone's life; the unknown
14 was before them, and they pushed forward without regard to
15 their own safety, and acted in an expedient manner to
16 facilitate the rescue of an individual who most certainly
17 would have perished without their intervention; and

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

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
24 Officer R.F. Jones of the Montgomery Police Department as a
25 nominee for the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law

1 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
2 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.

