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3 By Representatives Sessions, Wilcox, Williams (JW) and Pringle
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8 COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE GULF COAST REGIONAL
9 FUGITIVE TASK FORCE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA FOR
10 MERITORIOUS ACTIONS.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize the members of the Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task
14 Force of the Southern District of Alabama for meritorious
15 actions; and

16 WHEREAS, established in 2006, the Gulf Coast
17 Regional Fugitive Task Force partners the United States
18 Marshals Service with various federal, state, and local law
19 enforcement agencies within Alabama and Mississippi with the
20 focus of apprehending violent felons within the operating
21 district; and

22 WHEREAS, on May 4, 2016, members of the Gulf Coast
23 Regional Fugitive Task Force responded to call concerning a
24 suspect who forcibly entered a residence in Mount Vernon,
25 Alabama, during the commission of a first degree burglary and
26 fired at least one shot that struck both the homeowner and her
27 two-year-old child inside the residence; the Gulf Coast

1 Regional Fugitive Task Force located the armed felon at his
2 residence in Citronelle, Alabama, and pursued him in the
3 woods, where he was quickly apprehended by canines; no shots
4 were fired, and the only reported injuries were dog bite
5 injuries incurred by the suspect; and

6 WHEREAS, on January 29, 2016, members of the Gulf
7 Coast Regional Task Force tracked and apprehended a murder
8 suspect who was hiding beneath a trailer in Citronelle,
9 Alabama; the only injuries reported were dog bite injuries
10 incurred by the suspect; on December 9, 2015, members of the
11 Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force located and
12 apprehended a wanted fugitive barricaded in an attic in
13 Mobile, Alabama; again, the only injuries reported were dog
14 bite injuries incurred by the suspect; and

15 WHEREAS, placed in life-threatening situations and
16 without a moment's hesitation, the members of the Gulf Coast
17 Regional Fugitive Task Force routinely place themselves in the
18 line of peril and stop individuals, who prove to be a danger
19 to the public, from harming or killing anyone; and

20 WHEREAS, the members of the Gulf Coast Regional
21 Fugitive Task Force of the Southern District of Alabama have
22 demonstrated immense courage, diligence, and quick response in
23 life-threatening situations; their loyalty and unwavering
24 commitment to protect and serve the residents of Alabama have
25 been evidenced through their willingness to make the quick and
26 proper response in order to protect the lives of others; and

1 WHEREAS, the members of the Gulf Coast Regional
2 Fugitive Task Force of the Southern District of Alabama
3 epitomize the qualities of those who serve and protect, and
4 they are truly deserving of special commendation and praise;
5 now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
8 the members of the Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force of
9 the Southern District of Alabama for their immeasurable
10 service, and direct that they receive a copy of this
11 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.