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HR_____ COMMENDING OFFICER JON GOSSETT AS A RECIPIENT OF THE
2024 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD FOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
recognize Officer Jon Gossett as a recipient of the 2024
Alabama Legislative Meritorious Service Award for Law
Enforcement for exemplary courage in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2023, Officer Gossett responded
to a domestic disturbance call that resulted in the offender
shooting and killing his wife in front of their children;
subsequently, the offender held his four children hostage;
while securing the perimeter of the house where the children
were being held, Officer Gossett exposed himself to great
danger by talking to and engaging the offender at a window;
Officer Gossett put down his rifle and walked close to the
window to talk to the offender; he was able to establish a
rapport, resulting in the release of the four children; the
offender later admitted that it was his intention to kill
his children; and

WHEREAS, following the release of the four children,
the responding officers utilized tear gas and Officer
Gossett, along with Officer Miller and Sergeant Phillips,
confronted the offender and took him into custody without
further incident; and



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29 WHEREAS, Officer Gossett's actions played a pivotal
30 role in what could have been a more catastrophic event and
31 potentially saved the lives of four children; he is
32 recognized for his immense bravery and his unwavering
33 commitment to protect and serve others; and he is truly
34 deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
36 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby honor Officer Jon
37 Gossett as a recipient of the 2024 Alabama Legislative
38 Meritorious Service Award for Law Enforcement, and we
39 dedicate this resolution to him in utmost gratitude,
40 admiration, and esteem.