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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Reynolds
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8 COMMENDING SHEFFIELD POLICE OFFICER SERGEANT NICK
9 RISNER AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2022 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF
10 HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize the late Sheffield Police Sergeant James Nicholas
14 "Nick" Risner as a nominee for the 2022 Alabama Legislative
15 Law Enforcement Medal of Honor, Alabama's highest law
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Risner of Florence, Alabama, who
19 lost his life in the line of duty on October 2, 2021, at the
20 age of 40, was senselessly struck down while responding to a
21 report of a victim in the roadway; Sergeant Risner was met by
22 hostile gunfire during the ensuing chase of the suspect; he
23 suffered multiple shots and later succumbed to his injuries
24 while protecting the lives of the citizens he had served with
25 selfless dedication since joining the Sheffield Police
26 Department as a K-9 Officer in 2012; and

1 WHEREAS, the life of Sergeant Risner was marked by
2 dedicated service to his country, community, and fellow man; a
3 native of Florence, Alabama, he was born to Carl and Vicki
4 Risner and was endowed with a deep sense of civic
5 responsibility, which initially manifested as he served with
6 honor in the United States Army Reserve for eight years prior
7 to becoming a police officer; he was married to Brandy, his
8 wife of 15 years, and they have one daughter, Aili, who was
9 the light of his life; he was a people person with a servant's
10 heart, always helping others in any way; his infectious laugh
11 and personality could light up a room; he was the true
12 definition of a hero and continues to serve through his organ
13 donation; and

14 WHEREAS, there is no greater accomplishment than to
15 seek to successfully rescue a fellow citizen whose life is
16 imperiled; Sergeant Risner was a worthy exemplar of those
17 caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to
18 provide prompt and professional response in times of crisis,
19 and he is highly deserving of this distinguished nomination
20 for the Legislative Medal of Honor; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
23 the late Sheffield Police Sergeant James Nicholas "Nick"
24 Risner as a nominee for the 2022 Legislative Medal of Honor
25 for Law Enforcement and a copy of this resolution is a token
26 of our high admiration and esteem.