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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Reynolds and Baker
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8 COMMENDING BALDWIN COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF WILLIAM
9 SMITH, JR. AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2022 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL
10 OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize the late Baldwin County Deputy Sheriff William
14 "Bill" Smith, Jr. as a nominee for the 2022 Alabama
15 Legislative Law Enforcement Medal of Honor, Alabama's highest
16 law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, on June 6, 2021, Deputy Smith, along with
19 Deputy Sydney Wentworth, showed tremendous courage by entering
20 the tumultuous waters of the Gulf of Mexico to successfully
21 help save the lives of three distressed swimmers; Deputy Smith
22 was able to rescue and save the life of a 19-year-old
23 individual, however, Deputy Smith lost his life during this
24 courageous and heroic rescue; he personified the finest
25 qualities of those who selflessly dedicate themselves to the
26 protection of their fellow citizens, risking their own lives,
27 and exceeding the call of duty on a daily basis; and

1 WHEREAS, Deputy Smith was a seven-year veteran of
2 the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department; he also served with
3 the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department; he previously retired
4 from a 30-year career with the DeKalb County Fire Department
5 in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, there is no greater accomplishment than to
7 seek to successfully rescue a fellow citizen whose life is
8 imperiled; Deputy Smith is a worthy exemplar of those caring
9 and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to provide
10 prompt and professional response in times of crisis, and he is
11 highly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the
12 Legislative Medal of Honor; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
15 the late Baldwin County Deputy Sheriff William "Bill" Smith,
16 Jr. as a nominee for the 2022 Legislative Medal of Honor for
17 Law Enforcement and a copy of this resolution is a token of
18 our high admiration and esteem.