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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Reynolds and Baker  
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8 COMMENDING SHEFFIELD POLICE SERGEANT NICK RISNER AS  
9 THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2022 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR  
10 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure and a privilege to  
13 recognize the late Sheffield Police Sergeant James Nicholas  
14 "Nick" Risner as the recipient of 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 rescue a fellow citizen whose life is imperiled;  
16 Sergeant Risner was a worthy exemplar of those caring and  
17 dedicated men and women who stand ever ready to provide prompt  
18 and professional response in times of crisis, and he is highly  
19 deserving of the 2022 Legislative Medal of Honor; now  
20 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 recipient of the 2022 Legislative Medal of Honor for  
25 Law Enforcement and by copy of this resolution prepared in  
26 honor and tribute, we commend his memory to the citizens of  
27 Alabama.

