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8 COMMENDING OFFICER SPENCER YOUMANS OF THE CITY OF
9 OPP POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2016 ALABAMA
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Officer Spencer Youmans of the City of Opp Police
14 Department as a nominee for the 2016 Alabama Legislative Medal
15 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, on July 16, 2015, a vehicle crashed on U.S.
19 Highway 84 West in Opp; the driver left the scene, stopped a
20 Department of Transportation truck, and displayed a handgun;
21 the truck driver was able to drive away from the individual
22 and the individual continued running down the roadway towards
23 highway workers and an occupied church; and

24 WHEREAS, two Opp Police Department officers,
25 Lieutenant Corey Boothe and Officer Spencer Youmans, responded
26 to the call for the initial accident and continued following

1 the driver who was on foot; upon seeing the armed individual
2 approaching the highway workers and the occupied church,
3 Lieutenant Boothe and Officer Youmans positioned themselves in
4 front of the individual and approached him; and the individual
5 screamed and behaved in an incoherent manner waving the gun
6 and threatening others; ultimately the driver opened fire on
7 the officers; the officers returned fire striking the
8 individual; the officers immediately called for medical
9 assistance and rendered first aid to the shooter; and

10 WHEREAS, without a moment's hesitation, Lieutenant
11 Corey Boothe and Officer Spencer Youmans placed themselves in
12 the path of danger to protect others in the area; this quick
13 thinking and action saved the lives of the highway workers and
14 those occupying the church; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Spencer Youmans demonstrated
16 immense courage, diligence, and quick response in a highly
17 dangerous situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to
18 protect and serve the residents of Opp were evidenced through
19 his willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice in order to
20 preserve a life; and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Spencer Youmans epitomizes the
22 qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly
23 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
24 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor

1 Officer Spencer Youmans as a nominee for the 2016 Legislative
2 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive
3 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and
4 esteem.