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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Rowe and Baker  
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY NIKO VASILAKIS OF THE JEFFERSON  
9 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2018 ALABAMA  
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Deputy Niko Vasilakis of the Jefferson County  
14 Sheriff's Department as a nominee for the 2018 Alabama  
15 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's  
16 highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the  
17 line of duty; and

18 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis observed a multiple car  
19 accident take place in which one car caught on fire and two  
20 more left the road and plunged into a flowing creek; the  
21 vehicle that remained in the roadway was on fire; Deputy  
22 Vasilakis, with the assistance of two citizens, extinguished  
23 the burning car and called for paramedics and backup; and

24 WHEREAS, while waiting for backup, Deputy Vasilakis  
25 crawled on top of the cars in the creek to assess the  
26 situation and relay information to Fire and Rescue; he was  
27 able to assist one victim to the edge of the creek but could

1 not remove the other; once Fire and Rescue arrived on the  
2 scene they were able to form a human ladder and remove the  
3 victims of the cars and up the step embankment; and

4 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis performed his duties  
5 without thought to his personal safety while awaiting backup;  
6 his actions kept a hazardous situation from escalating to  
7 something far worse; and

8 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis demonstrated immense  
9 courage, diligence, and quick response in a life-threatening  
10 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect  
11 and serve the residents of Jefferson County were evidenced  
12 through his willingness to make quick and proper response in  
13 order to save lives; and

14 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis epitomizes the qualities  
15 of those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of  
16 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of  
17 Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor  
20 Deputy Niko Vasilakis as a nominee for the 2018 Legislative  
21 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive  
22 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration.