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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker, Colston and  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER HENRY HIGGINS OF THE BIRMINGHAM  
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2014 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 Henry Higgins of the Birmingham Police  
14 Department as a nominee for the 2014 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, Officer Higgins has been with the  
19 Birmingham Police Department for ten years and is assigned to  
20 the North Precinct; and

21 WHEREAS, on December 1, 2013, Officer Higgins  
22 responded with two other officers to a call for back up help  
23 on north bound I-59 at the interchange of I-65 and upon  
24 arrival, observed a male positioned to jump from a bridge into  
25 oncoming traffic; and

26 WHEREAS, Officer Demarcus Mitchell, who had been  
27 first on the scene, was attempting to secure the male to

1 prevent the man from jumping; Officer Higgins and two other  
2 officers helped secure the male and Officer Mitchell, to  
3 prevent them from falling over the edge of the railing; and

4 WHEREAS, if not for the actions of Officer Higgins  
5 and the other two officers, the citizen and Officer Mitchell  
6 would most likely have died as a result of falling onto the  
7 interstate; and Officer Higgins showed extreme bravery in  
8 securing the citizen and Officer Mitchell; and

9 WHEREAS, the quick and selfless actions of Officer  
10 Higgins saved the life of a citizen and a fellow officer; the  
11 dedicated service of Officer Higgins contributes greatly to  
12 the safety and quality of life for the citizens of Birmingham,  
13 and he is truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for  
14 the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now  
15 therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
17 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor  
18 Officer Henry Higgins of the Birmingham Police Department as a  
19 nominee for the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law  
20 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this  
21 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.