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3 By Representatives Clarke, Wilcox, Gaston, Drummond, Williams
4 (JW), Sessions, Davis, Pringle, Bracy and Buskey
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8 MOURNING THE LOSS AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 OFFICER JUSTIN TAYLOR BILLA.

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11 WHEREAS, Officer Justin Taylor, a native of Houma,
12 Louisiana, and resident of Mobile, Alabama, died in the line
13 of duty on February 20, 2018, at only 27 years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, an esteemed graduate of H.L. Bourgeois High
15 School and the Mobile Police Academy, Justin Taylor Billa
16 fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming a law enforcement
17 officer when he joined the Mobile Police Department, where he
18 was assigned to the Third Precinct; not long into his service
19 in June 2016, he earned the Mobile Police Department's Officer
20 of the Month Award; and

21 WHEREAS, he married his beloved childhood
22 sweetheart, Erin Elizabeth, and their union was blessed with a
23 son, Taylor Lincoln Billa; Officer Billa was a devoted
24 husband, father, son, brother, and friend; he and his wife
25 would exchange heartfelt 'I love yous,' daily before he left
26 for work; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Billa was a faithful and dedicated
2 member of Dayspring Baptist Church; he was a Mixed Martial
3 Arts fighter, and he enjoyed duck hunting, fishing, cooking,
4 and spending quality time with his family and friends; he
5 loved Cajun food and Louisiana heritage and collected police
6 patches; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Billa truly cared about others and
8 strove to make a difference through his police work; he
9 believed in helping others and affecting positive change and
10 transformation in individuals' lives; to him, jail was not
11 necessarily the first answer or the absolute solution to
12 society's problems; his great attention to detail and
13 unwavering commitment to excellence in providing a
14 professional level of law enforcement were invaluable assets
15 to the Mobile Police Department; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Justin Taylor Billa served the City
17 of Mobile with dedication, exemplary service, loyalty,
18 courage, valor, dignity, and honor; he made the ultimate
19 sacrifice, which shall not be forgotten; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
22 Justin Taylor Billa, we are extremely grateful for his
23 remarkable life, and we offer this resolution in highest
24 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as with heartfelt
25 sympathy to his family and friends.