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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Colston and Baker
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
COMMENDING HUNTSVILLE POLICE OFFICER GRADY THIGPEN
AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2011 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR
FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
recognize Huntsville Police Officer Grady Thigpen as a nominee
for the 2011 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for
extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2010, Officer Thigpen and
his assist were dispatched to check a suspicious vehicle
parked behind a church, where there had also been a report of
a gunshot fired in the immediate area; when Officer Thigpen
arrived, he saw a female seated on the ground three to five
feet in front of the vehicle, holding a gun to her mouth;
without hesitation, Officer Thigpen reached the female and
removed the weapon before she could discharge it; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thigpen's quick actions prevented
harm to a person who had already demonstrated suicidal intent
by firing a round just moments before he arrived on the scene;
his actions were remarkable in that once he recognized the
threat, he did not hesitate to take immediate action, which

1 resulted in preventing the person from taking her own life; and

2 WHEREAS, Officer Thigpen demonstrated the ultimate
3 level of professionalism, dedication, and concern for others
4 at the risk of his own life; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Thigpen is a worthy exemplar of
6 those caring and dedicated men and women who stand ever ready
7 to provide prompt and professional response in times of
8 crisis, and he is highly deserving of this distinguished
9 nomination for the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
10 Enforcement; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
13 Huntsville Police Officer Grady Thigpen as a nominee for the
14 2011 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct
15 that he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our
16 admiration and esteem.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 27-APR-11.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

03-MAY-11

Adopted