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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Colston and Baker
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 26-APR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING MONTGOMERY POLICE OFFICER J.A. EDWARDS AS
4 A NOMINEE FOR THE 2011 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
8 recognize Montgomery Police Officer J.A. Edwards as a nominee
9 for the 2011 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
10 Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for
11 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, in the late night hours of July 9, 2010,
13 Officer J.A. Edwards and his partner were on routine patrol in
14 the area behind a pub when they responded to a woman's screams
15 and interrupted a violent rape in progress, causing the
16 assailant to flee the scene; and

17 WHEREAS, as a result of expert police work, the
18 suspect was apprehended and positively identified, resulting
19 in his arrest and incarceration; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Edwards saved the victim from more
21 severe, if not deadly, injuries at the hands of her attacker;
22 he also exhibited excellent judgment in staying with the
23 victim to ascertain her condition and asking for assistance to
24 locate and apprehend the offender, thereby addressing both the
25 safety of the victim and the arrest of the offender; and

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

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
9 Montgomery Police Officer J.A. Edwards as a nominee for the
10 2011 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct
11 that he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our
12 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

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Adopted