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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Colston and Baker
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8 COMMENDING MONTGOMERY POLICE OFFICER J.A. EDWARDS AS
9 A NOMINEE FOR THE 2011 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Montgomery Police Officer J.A. Edwards as a nominee
14 for the 2011 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
15 Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for
16 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

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

22 WHEREAS, as a result of expert police work, the
23 suspect was apprehended and positively identified, resulting
24 in his arrest and incarceration; and

25 WHEREAS, Officer Edwards saved the victim from more
26 severe, if not deadly, injuries at the hands of her attacker;
27 he also exhibited excellent judgment in staying with the

1 victim to ascertain her condition and asking for assistance to
2 locate and apprehend the offender, thereby addressing both the
3 safety of the victim and the arrest of the offender; and

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

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