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3 By Representative Greeson
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING RHONDA JACKSON ON HER SELECTION AS THE
9 FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and heartiest
12 congratulations are hereby extended to Rhonda Jackson on her
13 selection as the 2010 Fraternal Order of Police Outstanding
14 Member of the Year for the State of Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, her distinguished career in law enforcement
16 dates to 1977, when she was hired as a clerk, magistrate, and
17 dispatcher for the Town of Sylvania Police Department; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1985, she joined the DeKalb County
19 Sheriff's Department, where she progressed steadily through
20 the ranks, fulfilling each position with exceptional
21 competence and diligence; in 1989, she graduated from the
22 Police Academy in Jacksonville, Alabama; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1994, she was promoted to Investigator
24 in the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, where she
25 specialized in cases of child abuse; in addition to the
26 compassion which characterizes her work, she is admired for
27 her readiness, ability to focus, thoroughness in follow-up,

1 toughness on alleged perpetrators, and good rapport with team
2 professionals; in 2006, she became a member of the Board of
3 Directors for the DeKalb County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse
4 Team at the Children's Advocacy Center; and

5 WHEREAS, while holding down a full-time job as
6 investigator at the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, she
7 earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2007, she transferred to the DeKalb
9 County Revenue Enforcement and Solid Waste Department and also
10 worked for the District Attorney's Office as an Investigator
11 on Child Abuse; and

12 WHEREAS, she has been a faithful member of the
13 Fraternal Order of Police for 20 years and has served as
14 president of Lodge 37 for five years, always unopposed; under
15 her leadership, the lodge has prospered due to her dedication
16 and hard work; among her contributions, she organizes the
17 annual fund-raisers as well as all the benefits that are held
18 for officers and families in need during times of crisis; in
19 addition to her responsibilities in the lodge, she has served
20 as Chairman for the State Easter Seals Committee for the past
21 five years; and

22 WHEREAS, although she retired in 2010 with 25 years
23 of service in law enforcement, she was reluctant to leave the
24 profession and is presently working part-time with the
25 Cherokee County Sheriff's Department Courthouse Security; and

1 WHEREAS, through the years, Rhonda Jackson has
2 earned respect for her exceptional abilities, keen intellect,
3 and unyielding integrity; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Rhonda Jackson is highly
6 commended for her outstanding dedication to the Fraternal
7 Order of Police and for exemplifying the high ideals of the
8 law enforcement profession and is congratulated on her worthy
9 selection as the 2010 Fraternal Order of Police Outstanding
10 Member of the Year for the State of Alabama, and it is
11 directed that she receive a copy of this resolution as an
12 expression of sincere gratitude for her contributions to her
13 profession, community, and state.