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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
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8 COMMENDING BIRMINGHAM POLICE OFFICER DONALD REESE AS
9 A NOMINEE FOR THE 2012 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Birmingham Police Officer Donald Reese as a nominee
14 for the 2012 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, Officer Donald Reese has been with the
18 Birmingham Police Department for four years and is assigned to
19 the West Precinct; on April 15, 2011, Officer Reese with
20 Officer Bryan Shelton responded to a domestic violence call
21 involving a woman having trouble with her adult son; and

22 WHEREAS, initial investigation disclosed that the
23 male had outstanding warrants for his arrest; at the
24 residence, the officers attempted to handcuff the male and the
25 male charged at the officers, falling over the porch railing
26 and pinning Officer Shelton under him; when the male pulled a
27 knife and attempted to stab Officer Shelton, Officer Reese

1 discharged his firearm striking the male and stopping the
2 attack; and

3 WHEREAS, because of the quick response by Office
4 Reese, Officer Shelton escaped serious injury; and

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

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
13 Birmingham Police Officer Donald Reese as a nominee for the
14 2012 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.