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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
COMMENDING DEPUTY ROBERT LINDELL OF THE BALDWIN
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2013 ALABAMA
LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
recognize Deputy Robert Lindell as a nominee for the 2013
Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,
Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary
courage in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Lindell has been employed as a
full-time Deputy Sheriff with the Baldwin County Sheriff's
Office since August 29, 2011, and currently serves in the
Patrol Division of the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2012, Deputy Lindell and
others responded to a medical assistance call near Fairhope,
Alabama; the subject of the call was in his residence and
refused to emerge to be screened by medical personnel for
possible mental and emotional issues; it was believed at the
time that the subject might be of danger to himself and
others; and

WHEREAS, after several minutes of negotiations, the
subject fired upon the deputies from within his residence,
seriously injuring Deputy Scott Ward and Sergeant Curtis

1 Summerlin, both of whom were struck multiple times; Deputy
2 Lindell was able to return fire on the subject, killing him
3 during the gun battle; Deputy Lindell then immediately began
4 to render first aid to the two injured deputies; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Ward and Sergeant Summerlin were
6 flown by helicopter to the University of South Alabama Medical
7 Center, where Sergeant Summerlin was hospitalized and required
8 several surgeries to address his gunshot wounds; tragically,
9 Deputy Ward succumbed to the multiple gunshot wounds despite
10 every effort to save his life; and

11 WHEREAS, a comprehensive investigation was launched
12 in the immediate aftermath, and the results showed that Deputy
13 Lindell acted without regard for his own safety and, by his
14 actions, saved the life of Sergeant Summerlin; Deputy Lindell
15 went above and beyond the call of duty and acted in an
16 appropriate manner during this critical event, saving the life
17 of a fellow deputy sheriff and also preserving the safety of
18 the community; and

19 WHEREAS, Deputy Lindell is a brave law enforcement
20 officer and a worthy exemplar of those caring and dedicated
21 men and women who stand ever ready to provide prompt and
22 professional response in times of crisis, and he is highly
23 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
24 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
3 Deputy Robert Lindell of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office
4 as a nominee for the 2013 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law
5 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this
6 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.

