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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 10-APR-13

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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY TONY WAYNE BLACKWELL AS A NOMINEE  
9 FOR THE 2013 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Deputy Tony Wayne Blackwell of the DeKalb County  
14 Sheriff's Office as a nominee for the 2013 Alabama Legislative  
15 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law  
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of  
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, Deputy Blackwell has provided outstanding  
19 service to his community as a patrol deputy, K-9 handler, Drug  
20 Agent, and a member of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Mounted  
21 Unit since joining the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office in 2007;  
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23 WHEREAS, on June 8, 2012, he encountered an armed  
24 suspect who had attempted to flee from the deputy and pulled  
25 his weapon on the deputy; Deputy Blackwell had to use deadly  
26 force to protect himself and an Alabama State Trooper involved  
27 in the chase; and

1           WHEREAS, after checking on his injured fellow  
2 officer, he performed CPR on the suspect until medical  
3 personnel arrived; he demonstrated characteristic courage and  
4 compassion during the incident; and

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

11           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
13 Deputy Tony Wayne Blackwell of the DeKalb County Sheriff's  
14 Office as a nominee for the 2013 Legislative Medal of Honor  
15 for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this  
16 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.