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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY GAYLON PHILLIPS OF THE LAUDERDALE
9 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2013 ALABAMA
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Deputy Gaylon Phillips of the Lauderdale County
14 Sheriff's Department as a nominee for the 2013 Alabama
15 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's
16 highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the
17 line of duty; and

18 WHEREAS, on November 3, 2012, Deputy Gaylon Phillips
19 was dispatched to do a welfare check on a resident of
20 Lauderdale County that was said to be suicidal; upon arriving
21 on the scene, he was advised that the resident was also
22 intoxicated, displaying bizarre behavior, and was in
23 possession of a gun; and

24 WHEREAS, while Deputy Phillips and his Reserve
25 Deputy worked as team to diffuse the situation, the resident
26 fully extended his weapon pointing it at Deputy Phillips after
27 being told by both deputies to put the weapon down; and

1 WHEREAS, both deputies fired their duty weapons at
2 the resident who then collapsed to the floor; Deputy Phillips
3 advised 911 of shots being fired and requested EMS; he cleared
4 the remainder of the house while the other deputy remained
5 with the resident; and

6 WHEREAS, in addition to being an asset to the
7 Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Phillips is a
8 loving husband, father, and Christian; and

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

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
17 Deputy Gaylon Phillips of the Lauderdale County Sheriff's
18 Department as a nominee for the 2013 Legislative Medal of
19 Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of
20 this resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.