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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER JONATHAN ROBBINS OF THE  
9 BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2014 ALABAMA  
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Officer Jonathan Robbins of the Birmingham Police  
14 Department as a nominee for the 2014 Alabama Legislative Medal  
15 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law  
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of  
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, on December 1, 2013, Officer Robbins, along  
19 with Officers Travis Hendrix and Henry Higgins, arrived to  
20 provide backup for Officer Demarcus Mitchell who, while  
21 traveling north bound on I-59 at the interchange of I-65, had  
22 noticed a pedestrian purposely positioning himself to be stuck  
23 by oncoming vehicular traffic; and

24 WHEREAS, the pedestrian had stepped over the railing  
25 of a bridge and threatened to commit suicide if Officer  
26 Mitchell did not keep his distance; while striving to calm the

1 pedestrian, Officer Mitchell was able to advance closer and  
2 grab the pedestrian who was still over the railing; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Robbins, along with Officers  
4 Hendrix and Higgins, sprang into action and grabbed Officer  
5 Mitchell and the male subject to prevent both from falling  
6 over the edge; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Robbins' noble demonstration of  
8 deft-thinking, bravery, and immense dedication to duty  
9 preserved lives; and

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

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
18 Birmingham Officer Jonathan Robbins as a nominee for the 2014  
19 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that  
20 he receive a copy of this resolution as a token of our  
21 admiration and esteem.