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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER JAMES WALKER OF THE MONROEVILLE
9 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 James Walker of the Monroeville 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, while on patrol on October 21, 2013,
19 Officer James Walker received a radio call informing him that
20 a structure at an apartment complex nearby was on fire; he
21 immediately responded and arrived at the location two minutes
22 later; and

23 WHEREAS, upon arrival, Officer Walker noticed smoke
24 billowing from the door of the apartment; nearby civilians
25 advised him that the tenant was still inside; and

26 WHEREAS, without regard for his own safety, Officer
27 Walker entered the apartment, crawling on his hands and knees

1 to avoid being enveloped by the heavy smoke; he was able to
2 locate the man, who was unconscious on the floor of the
3 kitchen; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Walker dragged the unconscious man
5 across the floor and outside the apartment to safety; both he
6 and the tenant were transported to a local hospital for
7 treatment of smoke inhalation; and

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

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