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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER R.F. JONES OF THE MONTGOMERY  
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 R.F. Jones of the Montgomery 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, Officer Jones was among four officers who  
19 responded to a call on August 12, 2013, in reference to a  
20 suicide attempt; upon arrival, they learned that a man had  
21 become irate during a domestic argument and barricaded himself  
22 in the attic while threatening to commit suicide; and

23 WHEREAS, the officers were able to gain entry into  
24 the residence through a side window, noticed a large knife on  
25 the floor, and began to clear the residence in an attempt to  
26 locate the subject, whom they found standing on a dresser with

1 a cable cord around his neck attached to a brace in the attic;  
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3 WHEREAS, through a critical span of time, the  
4 officers reasoned with the subject, who went through various  
5 emotional states from anger to depression to suicide, taking  
6 the cord from his neck and then replacing it; at one point, he  
7 stepped off the dresser and swung by his neck, appearing to  
8 lose and regain consciousness; the officers lifted the subject  
9 to relieve the pressure from the cord and desperately began  
10 trying to free the cord from the brace despite the actions of  
11 the subject; and

12 WHEREAS, through their quick thinking, diligence,  
13 and determination, the officers were finally successful in  
14 freeing the subject and were able to save his life; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Jones and the other officers  
16 displayed incredible dedication to their profession by putting  
17 themselves in harm's way to save someone's life; the unknown  
18 was before them, and they pushed forward without regard to  
19 their own safety, and acted in an expedient manner to  
20 facilitate the rescue of an individual who most certainly  
21 would have perished without their intervention; and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Jones epitomizes the qualities of  
23 those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of this  
24 distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of Honor  
25 for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor

1       Officer R.F. Jones of the Montgomery Police Department as a  
2       nominee for the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law  
3       Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this  
4       resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.