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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Colston  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER MARK GREEN OF THE BIRMINGHAM  
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 Mark Green 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, Officer Green has been with the Birmingham  
19 Police Department for almost two years and had been with the  
20 department for eight months at the time of this incident; he  
21 is currently assigned to the North Precinct; and

22 WHEREAS, on February 10, 2013, while off-duty but en  
23 route to work, Officer Green was travelling westbound on  
24 Carson Road in Center Point, Alabama, when he observed a  
25 vehicle well off the roadway and realized it was on fire; when  
26 he stopped his car and started toward the burning vehicle, he  
27 could see a man struggling to get out of the vehicle, and he

1 ran down to the car to assist; as he was helping this person,  
2 he heard someone else screaming for help from inside the car  
3 and after pulling the first victim to safety, he quickly  
4 returned to help the second victim, who was trapped inside the  
5 car and unable to escape on his own; seeing that the flames  
6 were quickly spreading, Officer Green grasped the victim by  
7 his upper body and pulled him from the car to safety as the  
8 car was completely engulfed in flames; and

9 WHEREAS, Captain Edwin "Brad" Appleton of the Center  
10 Point Fire District wrote the following to Officer Green's  
11 supervisor: "...a vehicle struck a guard rail and left the  
12 roadway. The vehicle caught fire with two males inside. An  
13 off-duty BPD officer, Officer Green, pulled both the driver  
14 and passenger from the vehicle and led them to safety. If not  
15 for the actions of Officer Green, the driver and passenger  
16 both would likely have become fatalities."; and

17 WHEREAS, without hesitation and with great risk to  
18 himself, Officer Green rushed to the aid of two persons, who  
19 very possibly would have died if not for his heroic actions;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Green's dedicated service  
22 contributes greatly to the safety and quality of life of the  
23 citizens of Birmingham, 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor

1       Officer Mark Green of the Birmingham 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.