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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
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8 COMMENDING TROOPER LEE MARCEL PHILLIPS OF THE  
9 ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DOTHAN POST AS A NOMINEE  
10 FOR THE 2015 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW  
11 ENFORCEMENT.

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13 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
14 recognize Trooper Lee Marcel Phillips of the Alabama  
15 Department of Public Safety Dothan Post as a nominee for the  
16 2015 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,  
17 Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary  
18 courage in the line of duty; and

19 WHEREAS, Trooper Phillips conducted a routine  
20 traffic stop on March 19, 2014, that escalated into the  
21 pursuit of a vehicle; at the time, Trooper Phillips was not  
22 aware that the vehicle he was in pursuit of had been stolen  
23 and that both occupants, individuals in their early 20's who  
24 were on a drug crazed rampage, had committed a brutal murder  
25 of a retired Florida Conservation Officer; and

26 WHEREAS, during the pursuit, Trooper Phillips was  
27 shot in the right shoulder, neck, and face; when both vehicles

1 came to a stop and Trooper Phillips was able to exit his  
2 patrol vehicle, he valiantly fought through the shock and pain  
3 of his gunshot wounds to return fire into the suspects'  
4 vehicle, striking the suspects with multiple rounds; one of  
5 the suspects exited the vehicle and escaped to a nearby wooded  
6 area, where he was apprehended a short time later; Trooper  
7 Phillips held the other suspect at gunpoint until assistance  
8 arrived; and

9 WHEREAS, without hesitation, Trooper Phillips acted  
10 upon his training with the military and DPS and persevered  
11 until the conflict ended even as his body weakened from the  
12 loss of blood due to his injuries; and

13 WHEREAS, Trooper Phillips demonstrated quick  
14 thinking, diligence, and courageous determination in a highly  
15 dangerous situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to  
16 serve were evidenced by his willingness to make the ultimate  
17 sacrifice in detaining volatile criminals who could have  
18 harmed others; and

19 WHEREAS, Trooper Phillips epitomizes the qualities  
20 of those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of  
21 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of  
22 Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
25 Trooper Lee Marcel Phillips as a nominee for the 2015  
26 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that

1 he receive a copy of this resolution as evidence of our  
2 admiration and esteem.