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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER LARRY SHARPLEY OF THE DECATUR  
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2016 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 Larry Sharpley of the City of Decatur Police  
14 Department as a nominee for the 2016 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 May 23, 2015, a small pickup truck left  
19 the roadway of U. S. Highway 31 and plunged into Flint Creek;  
20 the driver, Shane Edge, was still trapped inside as the  
21 vehicle began to submerge into the dark waters; and

22 WHEREAS, three Decatur Police Department officers,  
23 Sergeant John Sharp, Officer Larry Sharpley, and Officer James  
24 Harton, responded to the emergency call and rushed to assist  
25 Mr. Edge; ignoring their own safety, the officers entered the  
26 water, broke the windshield, and pulled Mr. Edge to safety;  
27 and

1           WHEREAS, without a moment's hesitation, Officer  
2 Larry Sharpley placed himself in the path of danger to protect  
3 Mr. Edge; his quick thinking and actions saved the life of Mr.  
4 Edge; and

5           WHEREAS, Officer Larry Sharpley demonstrated immense  
6 courage, diligence, and quick response in a highly dangerous  
7 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect  
8 and serve the residents of Decatur were evidenced through his  
9 willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice in order to  
10 preserve a life; and

11           WHEREAS, Officer Larry Sharpley epitomizes the  
12 qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly  
13 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative  
14 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

15           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
17 Officer Larry Sharpley as a nominee for the 2016 Legislative  
18 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive  
19 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and  
20 esteem.