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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
 COMMENDING OFFICER SPENCER YOUMANS OF THE CITY OF
OPP POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2016 ALABAMA
LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
recognize Officer Spencer Youmans of the City of Opp Police
Department as a nominee for the 2016 Alabama Legislative Medal
of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
duty; and

 WHEREAS, on July 16, 2015, a vehicle crashed on U.S.
Highway 84 West in Opp; the driver left the scene, stopped a
Department of Transportation truck, and displayed a handgun;
the truck driver was able to drive away from the individual
and the individual continued running down the roadway towards
highway workers and an occupied church; and

 WHEREAS, two Opp Police Department officers,
Lieutenant Corey Boothe and Officer Spencer Youmans, responded
to the call for the initial accident and continued following
the driver who was on foot; upon seeing the armed individual
approaching the highway workers and the occupied church,
Lieutenant Boothe and Officer Youmans positioned themselves in
front of the individual and approached him; and the individual

1 screamed and behaved in an incoherent manner waving the gun
2 and threatening others; ultimately the driver opened fire on
3 the officers; the officers returned fire striking the
4 individual; the officers immediately called for medical
5 assistance and rendered first aid to the shooter; and

6 WHEREAS, without a moment's hesitation, Lieutenant
7 Corey Boothe and Officer Spencer Youmans placed themselves in
8 the path of danger to protect others in the area; this quick
9 thinking and action saved the lives of the highway workers and
10 those occupying the church; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Spencer Youmans demonstrated
12 immense courage, diligence, and quick response in a highly
13 dangerous situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to
14 protect and serve the residents of Opp were evidenced through
15 his willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice in order to
16 preserve a life; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Spencer Youmans epitomizes the
18 qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly
19 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
20 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
23 Officer Spencer Youmans as a nominee for the 2016 Legislative
24 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive

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

