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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER SPENCER YOUMANS OF THE CITY OF  
9 OPP 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 Spencer Youmans of the City of Opp 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 July 16, 2015, a vehicle crashed on U.S.  
19 Highway 84 West in Opp; the driver left the scene, stopped a  
20 Department of Transportation truck, and displayed a handgun;  
21 the truck driver was able to drive away from the individual  
22 and the individual continued running down the roadway towards  
23 highway workers and an occupied church; and

24 WHEREAS, two Opp Police Department officers,  
25 Lieutenant Corey Boothe and Officer Spencer Youmans, responded  
26 to the call for the initial accident and continued following  
27 the driver who was on foot; upon seeing the armed individual

1 approaching the highway workers and the occupied church,  
2 Lieutenant Boothe and Officer Youmans positioned themselves in  
3 front of the individual and approached him; and the individual  
4 screamed and behaved in an incoherent manner waving the gun  
5 and threatening others; ultimately the driver opened fire on  
6 the officers; the officers returned fire striking the  
7 individual; the officers immediately called for medical  
8 assistance and rendered first aid to the shooter; and

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

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

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
26 Officer Spencer Youmans as a nominee for the 2016 Legislative  
27 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.