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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
 COMMENDING OFFICER JOEY BROWN OF THE ORANGE BEACH
POLICE DEPARTMENT AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2016 ALABAMA
LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
recognize Officer Joey Brown of the Orange Beach Police
Department as a recipient of 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 June 20, 2015, a 24 foot vessel with six
individuals on board, struck a submerged jetty and became
stranded on the Perdido Pass jetty wall; extremely rough seas,
strong current and shallow water prevented the Orange Beach
Police Department and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
Marine assets from reaching the vessel; it was a
life-threatening situation for the crew and emergency
responders; and

 WHEREAS, Officer Brown recognized the danger of the
rapidly deteriorating situation as the riptide seas slammed
the stranded vessel against the wall and rock jetty; Officer
Brown boarded a personal water craft and at great personal
risk, maneuvered close to the stranded vessel and extracted

1 the passengers from the stranded vessel one at a time making
2 several trips; and

3 WHEREAS, without a moment's hesitation, Officer Joey
4 Brown placed himself in the path of danger to save the lives
5 of those stranded on the battered vessel; placing his own life
6 in jeopardy, using his quick thinking and heroic actions,
7 Officer Joey Brown saved several lives in that one instance;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Joey Brown demonstrated immense
10 courage, diligence, and quick response in a highly dangerous
11 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect
12 and serve the residents of Orange Beach were evidenced through
13 his willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice in order to
14 preserve the lives of others; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Joey Brown epitomizes the qualities
16 of those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of
17 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of
18 Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
21 Officer Joey Brown as the recipient of the 2016 Legislative
22 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive
23 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and
24 esteem.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 13-APR-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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Adopted