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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY JEFF BERT OF THE AUTAUGA COUNTY  
9 SHERIFF'S 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 Deputy Jeff Bert of the Autauga County Sheriff's  
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 August 13, 2015, Sergeant Steve Adams  
19 and Deputy Jeff Bert were returning to the Sheriff's Office  
20 from a call when they were flagged down to follow someone to a  
21 resident on County Road 85 where there was an infant in  
22 distress, possibly drowning; upon entering the residence they  
23 found an infant unresponsive and not breathing; Deputy Bert  
24 swiftly administered infant back blows causing the infant to  
25 spit up water and Sergeant Adams began chest compressions; the  
26 Prattville Fire Medic arrived and took over the care of the  
27 infant while Sergeant Adams and Deputy Bert conducted traffic

1 control for the safe arrival and departure of Life Flight for  
2 the infant; and

3 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation  
4 without a moment's hesitation, Sergeant Steve Adams and Deputy  
5 Jeff Bert immersed themselves into the heroic action to  
6 administer appropriate care and service to save the life of an  
7 infant and to protect others while the infant was transported  
8 for further care; undoubtedly, this quick thinking and action  
9 saved the infant's life and protected others; and

10 WHEREAS, Deputy Jeff Bert demonstrated immense  
11 courage, diligence, and quick response in a life-threatening  
12 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect  
13 and serve the residents of Autauga County were evidenced  
14 through his willingness to make the quick and proper response  
15 in order to preserve the life of an infant; and

16 WHEREAS, Deputy Jeff Bert epitomizes the qualities  
17 of those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of  
18 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of  
19 Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor  
22 Deputy Jeff Bert as a nominee for the 2016 Legislative Medal  
23 of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy  
24 of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.