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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Rowe and Baker
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER JOEY BROWN OF THE ORANGE BEACH
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT AS THE RECIPIENT OF 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 Joey Brown of the Orange Beach Police
14 Department as a recipient of the 2016 Alabama Legislative
15 Medal 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 June 20, 2015, a 24 foot vessel with six
19 individuals on board, struck a submerged jetty and became
20 stranded on the Perdido Pass jetty wall; extremely rough seas,
21 strong current and shallow water prevented the Orange Beach
22 Police Department and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
23 Marine assets from reaching the vessel; it was a
24 life-threatening situation for the crew and emergency
25 responders; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Brown recognized the danger of the
2 rapidly deteriorating situation as the riptide seas slammed
3 the stranded vessel against the wall and rock jetty; Officer
4 Brown boarded a personal water craft and at great personal
5 risk, maneuvered close to the stranded vessel and extracted
6 the passengers from the stranded vessel one at a time making
7 several trips; and

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

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

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
26 Officer Joey Brown as the recipient of the 2016 Legislative

1 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive
2 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and
3 esteem.