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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER THOMAS C. TRAYLOR OF THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AS A NOMINEE  
10 FOR THE 2017 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW  
11 ENFORCEMENT.

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13 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
14 recognize Senior Conservation Enforcement Officer Thomas C.  
15 Traylor of the Department of Conservation and Natural  
16 Resources as a nominee for the 2017 Alabama Legislative Medal  
17 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law  
18 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of  
19 duty; and

20 WHEREAS, on July 9, 2016, Senior Officer Traylor  
21 responded to a call for assistance in a situation involving a  
22 hostage; the suspect had fired at deputies of the Randolph  
23 County Sheriff's Department and barricaded himself in a travel  
24 trailer with a hostage; when Officer Traylor arrived at the  
25 scene, the suspect opened fire and gravely injured one of the  
26 deputies; Officer Traylor immediately returned fire and  
27 continued to discharge his firearm until the injured officer

1 could be rescued and transported to a life flight helicopter;  
2 Officer Traylor provided aid and cover for the officers around  
3 him during a stand-off that lasted several hours and included  
4 state and local officers from multiple jurisdictions; the  
5 situation ended when the gunman took his own life; and

6 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation and  
7 without a moment's hesitation, Officer Thomas C. Traylor  
8 placed himself in the line of peril and stopped the individual  
9 from inflicting further harm or death and ended an eminent  
10 threat to civilians in the immediate area; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Thomas C. Traylor demonstrated  
12 immense courage, diligence, and quick response in a  
13 life-threatening situation; his loyalty and unwavering  
14 commitment to protect and serve the residents of Randolph  
15 County were evidenced through his willingness to make the  
16 quick and proper response in order to protect the lives of  
17 others; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Thomas C. Traylor epitomizes the  
19 qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly  
20 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative  
21 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor  
24 Senior Conservation Enforcement Officer Thomas C. Traylor as a  
25 nominee for the 2017 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law  
26 Enforcement and direct that he receive a copy of this  
27 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.

