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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICERS COREY SARVAUNT AND JONATHAN  
9 MITCHELL OF THE VESTAVIA HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT AS NOMINEES  
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 Officers Corey Sarvaunt and Jonathan Mitchell of the  
15 Vestavia Hills Police Department as nominees for the 2017  
16 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,  
17 Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary  
18 courage in the line of duty; and

19 WHEREAS, on the night of January 14, 2016, Officers  
20 Corey Sarvaunt and Jonathan Mitchell responded to an apartment  
21 fire at the Vestawood Apartment complex on Columbiana Road in  
22 Vestavia Hills, Alabama, where they found several units in the  
23 complex engulfed by a raging fire that left numerous people  
24 without a means of escape; a person on the second floor of the  
25 complex dropped a child safely into the arms of Officer  
26 Mitchell; after he heroically caught the child, the parents  
27 then escaped the flames; Officers Sarvaunt and Mitchell worked

1 feverishly to evacuate the affected apartments and discovered  
2 a family of five trapped inside one of the burning units; with  
3 the help of two Vestavia Hills firefighters, they cut a hole  
4 in a masonry wall to rescue the trapped family of two adults  
5 and three children; unfortunately, there were two fatalities  
6 during the apartment fire; and

7 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation and  
8 without a moment's hesitation, Officers Corey Sarvaunt and  
9 Jonathan Mitchell placed themselves in the line of peril and  
10 saved many lives during a raging apartment fire; and

11 WHEREAS, Officers Sarvaunt and Mitchell demonstrated  
12 immense courage, diligence, and quick response in a  
13 life-threatening situation; their loyalty and unwavering  
14 commitment to protect and serve the residents of Vestavia  
15 Hills were evidenced through their ability to make a quick and  
16 proper response to protect the lives of others; and

17 WHEREAS, Officers Sarvaunt and Mitchell epitomize  
18 the qualities of those who serve and protect, and they are  
19 truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the  
20 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING,  
23 That we hereby recognize and honor Officers Corey Sarvaunt and  
24 Jonathan Mitchell of the Vestavia Hills Police Department as  
25 nominees for the 2017 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law  
26 Enforcement and direct that they receive a copy of this  
27 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.

