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3 By Representatives Sorrell, Pettus, Smith, Treadaway, Ellis,
4 Rowe, Kitchens, South, Hall, Robertson, Wood (D), Shaver,
5 Kiel, Almond, Wadsworth, Paschal, Wilcox, Stringer, Oliver,
6 Allen , Morris, Lovvorn, Isbell, Faust, Clouse, Greer,
7 Crawford, Hill, Wingo, Shedd, Mooney, Holmes, McCutcheon,
8 Scott, Lipscomb, Robbins, Bedsole, Wheeler, Farley, Estes,
9 Moore (P), Sullivan, Blackshear, Wood (R), Drake, Rich, Hurst,
10 Stadthagen, Collins, Brown (K), Ingram, Gaston, Lee, Baker,
11 Reynolds, Whitt, Carns, Fincher, Dismukes, McCampbell,
12 Rafferty, England, Lawrence, Warren, Drummond, Forte, Brown
13 (C), McMillan, Simpson, Shiver, Meadows, Hassell, Ledbetter,
14 Gray, Alexander and Sanderford
15 RFD:
16 First Read: 03-NOV-21

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF POLICE OFFICER
NICK RISNER.

WHEREAS, it is a privilege to commemorate and honor the life of Police Officer Sergeant James Nicholas "Nick" Risner of Florence, Alabama, who lost his life in the line of duty on October 2, 2021, at the age of 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Risner was senselessly struck down while responding to a report of a victim in the roadway; Sergeant Risner was met by hostile gunfire during the ensuing chase of the suspect; he suffered multiple shots and later succumbed to his injuries while protecting the lives of the citizens he had served with selfless dedication since joining the Sheffield Police Department as a K-9 Officer in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the life of Sergeant Risner was marked by dedicated service to his country, community, and fellow man; a native of Florence, Alabama, he was born to Carl and Vicki Risner and was endowed with a deep sense of civic responsibility, initially manifested as he served with honor in the United States Army Reserve for eight years prior to

1 becoming a police officer; he was married to Brandy, his wife
2 of 15 years, and they have one daughter, Aili, who was the
3 light of his life; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Risner was a devoted husband and
5 father; he loved the University of Alabama and was a loyal fan
6 of the Crimson Tide; he was his daughter's biggest supporter
7 in sports and academics; he was a people person with a
8 servant's heart, always helping others in any way; his
9 infectious laugh and personality could light up a room; he was
10 the true definition of a hero and continues to serve through
11 his organ donation; and

12 WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his
13 grandparents, James and June McDonald; and brothers, Anthony
14 Ray and Terrell; he is survived by his loving wife, daughter,
15 and parents; grandparents, Harold and Jeanette Wesson;
16 brothers, Billy Risner (Kristy) and Tony Risner (Whitney);
17 several nieces and nephews who adored Uncle Nick; his best
18 friend and faithful partner, K9 WISKE; and a host of relatives
19 and many friends; and

20 WHEREAS, Sergeant Risner personified the finest
21 qualities of the valiant individuals who courageously and
22 selflessly choose the profession of law enforcement and
23 dedicate their lives to the protection of their fellow
24 citizens; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the life of Police Officer
27 Sergeant James Nicholas "Nick" Risner is honored and

1 commemorated, and this resolution is offered in highest
2 tribute to him, on behalf of the citizens of the State of
3 Alabama, who forever will hold him in great esteem for his
4 devoted service and sacrifice.