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HR_____ COMMENDING DEPUTY CHRIS POOLE AS A RECIPIENT FOR THE
2023 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
recognize Deputy Chris Poole as a recipient of the 2023
Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2022, Deputy Chris Poole
initiated the pursuit of a vehicle that was reported stolen
in Calera and driven by a 26-year-old felon, who had been
arrested on 46 criminal charges since the age of 17; at
periods during the pursuit, speeds exceeded 100 miles per
hour; and

WHEREAS, the driver lost control of the vehicle and
began firing gunshots towards Deputy Poole, who reported on
his radio that he had been shot and urged Deputy Brad
Johnson, who had joined the pursuit, to back off because of
the continuing gunfire; and

WHEREAS, both Deputy Poole and Deputy Brad Johnson
were injured and transported by police escort to UAB
Hospital in Birmingham; Deputy Brad Johnson was pronounced
dead on June 30, 2022; and



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26 WHEREAS, Alabamians are now safer, and the state has
27 taken a necessary step toward truth in sentencing because
28 Deputy Poole was tenacious in honoring the heroism and
29 sacrifice of his close friend and fellow deputy, Brad
30 Johnson; enactment of the Deputy Brad Johnson Act will also
31 help prevent another law enforcement officer from being lost
32 because an undeserving inmate won early release; and

33 WHEREAS, for his bravery on June 29, 2022, and for
34 the events that followed, Deputy Chris Poole is highly
35 honored and deserving of the 2023 Legislative Medal of
36 Honor; now therefore,

37 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
38 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
39 Deputy Chris Poole as a recipient of the 2023 Legislative
40 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and a copy of this
41 resolution shall be presented to Deputy Poole that he may
42 know of our gratitude for his service.