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HR_____ COMMENDING SENIOR TROOPER CHRISTOPHER CARLTON FOR RECEIVING THE 2024 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we recognize Senior Trooper Christopher Carlton as a recipient of the 2024 Alabama Legislative Meritorious Service Award for Law Enforcement for exemplary courage in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2023, Senior Trooper Christopher Carlton responded to a single vehicle crash on US 84 East near Bay Springs Road within Houston County; he observed that a vehicle had struck a tree and that the driver, Jessica Joy Thrasher, of Lynn Haven, Florida, was entrapped within the vehicle; he also observed a small 4-year-old child who had sustained a serious head injury; and

WHEREAS, a member of Wicksburg Rescue told Senior Trooper Carlton that he would have to call for another ambulance since there were already two patients who needed immediate medical attention; Senior Trooper Carlton advised Wicksburg Rescue that he would transport the child in his patrol vehicle instead of waiting for another ambulance to arrive; Senior Trooper Carlton, along with a private citizen who was a nurse, transported the child, who was in and out



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29 of consciousness, to Flowers Hospital in Dothan; and
30 WHEREAS, after arriving at the Flowers Hospital
31 Emergency Room, the hospital staff was able to assess the
32 child and get him stabilized; after speaking with physicians
33 and the hospital staff, Senior Trooper Carlton returned to
34 the lobby only to find that the nurse who assisted the child
35 during transport had left and could not be found; and

36 WHEREAS, the young child was later transported to
37 Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida, and is expected
38 to make a full recovery; Jessica Joy Thrasher was
39 transported to Southeast Health in Dothan and later UAB
40 Hospital in Birmingham; she has undergone numerous surgeries
41 and is expected to make a a full recovery; and

42 WHEREAS, the quick thinking efforts of Senior Trooper
43 Christopher Carlton and his decision to transport a small
44 child suffering from a serious head injury in his patrol
45 vehicle served a major role in saving that child's life; he
46 is truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
48 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby honor Senior Trooper
49 Christopher Carlton as a recipient of the 2024 Alabama
50 Legislative Meritorious Service Award for Law Enforcement,
51 and we dedicate this resolution to him in utmost gratitude,
52 admiration, and esteem.