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4 HJR___ ESTABLISHING THE PERMANENT JOINT LEGISLATIVE
5 COMMITTEE ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL OF HONOR AND
6 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD.
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8 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature annually awards the
9 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and the
10 Legislative Meritorious Service Award to law enforcement
11 officers who demonstrate extraordinary courage in the line
12 of duty and exceptional service; and

13 WHEREAS, there exists a need to establish a permanent
14 legislative committee to facilitate the awarding of these
15 two honors; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the
18 Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on the Law Enforcement
19 Medal of Honor and Meritorious Service Award for the purpose
20 of awarding the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor and the
21 Meritorious Service Award.

22 (a) (1) The membership of the committee shall consist
23 of all of the following:

24 a. Five members of the House of Representatives,
25 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at
26 least one of whom shall be a member of the minority party.



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27 b. Five members of the Senate, appointed by the
28 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at least one of whom
29 shall be a member of the minority party.

30 (2) Terms of service on the committee shall coincide
31 with the elected terms of the serving members.

32 (3) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their
33 appointments to ensure the committee membership is inclusive
34 and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural,
35 and economic diversity of the state.

36 (b) The committee shall annually award the
37 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and the
38 Legislative Meritorious Service Award to members of law
39 enforcement that demonstrate extraordinary courage and
40 exceptional service in the line of duty.

41 (c) (1) The first meeting of the committee shall be
42 held at the call of the Speaker of the House of
43 Representatives, at which time the committee shall elect a
44 chair and vice chair. An election for chair and vice chair
45 shall occur at the committee's first meeting of each
46 quadrennium.

47 (2) The committee may meet as necessary to conduct
48 business during the sessions of the Legislature, any recess,
49 and in the interim period between sessions, provided that
50 the committee shall meet at least once every year.

51 (d) The Legislative Services Agency, the Clerk of the
52 House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate
53 shall provide administrative and other assistance for the
54 work of the committee.



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55 (e) The legislative members of the committee shall be
56 entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and
57 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the
58 committee pursuant to Section 49 of the Constitution of
59 Alabama of 2022.

60 (f) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
61 1975, the committee shall provide a notice of all meetings,
62 the name of each member serving on the committee, and a copy
63 of the final report and any other documents produced by the
64 committee throughout its duration to the Secretary of the
65 State.

66 (g) Each appointing authority named herein shall be
67 provided a copy of this resolution upon its passage.