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HJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING MOUNTAIN BROOK POLICE OFFICER RICHARD KNECHT.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we recognize and commend the exemplary service of Mountain Brook Police Officer Richard Knecht, who serves as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for Mountain Brook High School, for receiving the Safe Schools Leadership Award and for being named the 2025 City of Mountain Brook Employee of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Officer Knecht began his law enforcement career in the City of Bessemer in 2000 and transferred to the Mountain Brook Police Department (MBPD) in 2003; he has served as the Mountain Brook High School (MBHS) SRO for more than eight years, during which time he has earned the respect, trust, and admiration of students, faculty, administrators, and parents alike; and

WHEREAS, he was nominated for the Safe Schools Leadership Award in recognition of his dedication to school safety, exceptional leadership, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of students, qualities that distinguish him among his peers across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Schools Leadership Award was presented to Officer Knecht at The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers (TAASRO) Conference held June 2-6,



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29 2025, which was attended by approximately 1,200 school  
30 resource officers and school administrators from Alabama and  
31 neighboring states; and

32 WHEREAS, in addition to this honor, Officer Knecht  
33 was recognized as a TAASRO School Safety Specialist, an  
34 elite designation held by only 15 officers statewide; and

35 WHEREAS, on January 21, 2026, at the Mountain Brook  
36 Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon, Officer Knecht was  
37 honored for his exceptional service, leadership, and  
38 positive impact on the community by being named the 2025  
39 City of Mountain Brook Employee of the Year, a tribute that  
40 reflects not only his professional excellence but also the  
41 lasting influence he has made on the lives of students,  
42 families, and colleagues through his dedication to public  
43 service; now therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
45 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we most highly commend  
46 Officer Richard Knecht for his faithful and exemplary  
47 service, unwavering commitment to school safety, and  
48 dedication to the City of Mountain Brook and the State of  
49 Alabama, and we extend to him our heartfelt gratitude,  
50 respect, and sincere best wishes for continued health,  
51 happiness, and fulfillment in all the days to come.