

# HJR216 ENROLLED



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3 By Representatives Bedsole, Pettus, Treadaway, Stringer,  
4 Reynolds, Hendrix  
5 RFD: Rules  
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 COMMENDING TROOPER JOSHUA WASDEN AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2026  
5 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD FOR LAW  
6 ENFORCEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
9 recognize Alabama State Trooper Joshua Wasden as a recipient  
10 of the 2026 Alabama Legislative Meritorious Service Award  
11 for Law Enforcement for exemplary courage in the line of  
12 duty; and

13 WHEREAS, on August 26, 2025, Trooper Joshua Wasden  
14 responded to a call from a motorist in medical distress  
15 traveling northbound on I-65 near mile marker 136 in Butler  
16 County; the driver, John Wilbur Dotson, Jr. of Fairhope,  
17 Alabama, was instructed by the operator to pull over and  
18 await emergency responders; Trooper Wasden was in the area  
19 at the time and responded to the scene; and

20 WHEREAS, when Trooper Wasden approached the car, he  
21 discovered the driver was unresponsive to touch or voice  
22 commands; he immediately recognized the life-threatening  
23 nature of the situation, returned to his vehicle to retrieve  
24 a first aid kit, and then returned to the driver's side door  
25 to better assess the patient; and

26 WHEREAS, within minutes Greenville Emergency Medical  
27 Services and a Butler County Sheriff's Deputy arrived on the  
28 scene; Trooper Wasden informed the ambulance crew of his



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29 observations and assisted with loading the patient onto a  
30 stretcher for transport; rather than returning to service,  
31 Trooper Wasden recognized the need for assistance and  
32 entered the patient compartment of the ambulance to assist  
33 the medics; and

34 WHEREAS, Trooper Wasden immediately assumed the task  
35 of providing manual ventilation using a bag-valve mask with  
36 supplemental oxygen while the medics focused on other tasks;  
37 almost immediately, normal skin color began returning to the  
38 patient's face; once the patient was stabilized for  
39 transport, he was rushed to Regional Medical Center in  
40 Greenville for emergency treatment, then later to a hospital  
41 in Mobile for more definitive care; and

42 WHEREAS, following the incident, Trooper Wasden made  
43 contact with the patient's spouse, Beth Dotson, to advise  
44 her of the situation; it was later determined that the  
45 driver was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation and has  
46 recovered well under the care of a cardiologist; and

47 WHEREAS, Trooper Wasden went above and beyond the  
48 call of duty during this event; he recognized the urgency  
49 for lifesaving intervention and the need to assist the  
50 ambulance crew as a collaborative effort; without prompt and  
51 effective ventilation and cardioversion at the scene, the  
52 likelihood of a positive outcome or survival was extremely  
53 low for the driver; Trooper Wasden's selfless dedication to  
54 duty and public service as an Alabama State Trooper  
55 undeniably contributed to a successful outcome; he is truly  
56 deserving of special recognition; now therefore,



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57           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
58   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Trooper  
59   Joshua Wasden as a recipient of the 2026 Alabama Legislative  
60   Meritorious Service Award for Law Enforcement, and we  
61   dedicate this resolution to him in utmost gratitude,  
62   admiration, and esteem.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 17-Mar-26.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

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Senate **02-Apr-26**

Adopted