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HJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING SENIOR TROOPER HUNTER WOODRUFF AS A  
RECIPIENT OF THE 2026 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MERITORIOUS  
SERVICE AWARD FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with the highest commendation that the  
Legislature of Alabama recognizes Senior Trooper Hunter  
Woodruff as a recipient of the 2026 Alabama Legislative  
Meritorious Service Award for Law Enforcement in recognition  
of extraordinary courage and decisive action in the line of  
duty; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2025, while traveling east  
on Highway 14 in Autauga County, Trooper Woodruff observed a  
Prattville Police Department vehicle traveling at a high  
rate of speed with emergency equipment activated;  
recognizing the urgency of the situation, he immediately  
activated his own emergency equipment and followed the  
officer in order to render assistance if needed; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Woodruff followed the Prattville  
officer to an apartment complex off Covered Bridge Parkway  
in Prattville, where they were advised of a gunshot victim  
lying on the ground nearby; upon locating the victim,  
Trooper Woodruff immediately began rendering lifesaving  
first aid; and

WHEREAS, after identifying two gunshot wounds to the  
victim's left side, Trooper Woodruff quickly removed the



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29 victim's clothing, applied a sterilized clotting agent, and  
30 applied gauze with direct pressure to the wounds, thereby  
31 stemming further blood loss; and

32 WHEREAS, Trooper Woodruff continued speaking with the  
33 victim to keep him calm and to help prevent the onset of  
34 traumatic shock until paramedics arrived on the scene and  
35 transported the victim to the hospital for further  
36 treatment; and

37 WHEREAS, according to Prattville Fire Chief Josh  
38 Bingham, Trooper Woodruff's swift actions and proper  
39 application of first aid were instrumental in saving the  
40 life of Mr. Gilbert; such conduct reflects the highest  
41 standards of the law enforcement profession and exemplifies  
42 the courage, dedication, and professionalism expected of  
43 those who serve and protect the residents of Alabama; now  
44 therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
46 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend  
47 Senior Trooper Hunter Woodruff as a recipient of the 2026  
48 Alabama Legislative Meritorious Service Award for Law  
49 Enforcement and dedicate this resolution to him with  
50 profound gratitude, admiration, and esteem for his exemplary  
51 service to the people of this state.