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4 Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman, Coleman-Madison,
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,
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8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams, Woods

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SJR___ 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, Senior Trooper Woodruff joined the Alabama
State Law Enforcement Agency in 2020 and has demonstrated an
unwavering commitment to professional excellence through the
completion of numerous advanced training programs, including
certification as an Active Integrated Response Instructor
through the National Center for Biomedical Research and
Training; participation in the S.T.O.P. Human Trafficking
program conducted by Covenant Rescue Group; Immediate Action
Tactical Medical Training; the SWAT Basic Tactical Operators
Course; FBI LEOKA/OSAT Officer Safety and Street Survival
training; Field Training Officer certification; Active
Shooter Crisis Management training; Mexican Drug Cartel
Investigations training; and completion of the Operation
PIPELINE Drug Interdiction Course through the United States
Drug Enforcement Administration; and



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

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

42 WHEREAS, after identifying two gunshot wounds to the
43 victim's left side, Trooper Woodruff quickly removed the
44 victim's clothing, applied a sterilized clotting agent, and
45 applied gauze with direct pressure to the wounds, thereby
46 stemming further blood loss; and

47 WHEREAS, Trooper Woodruff continued speaking with the
48 victim to keep him calm and to help prevent the onset of
49 traumatic shock until paramedics arrived on the scene and
50 transported the victim to the hospital for further
51 treatment; and

52 WHEREAS, according to Prattville Fire Chief Josh
53 Bingham, Trooper Woodruff's swift actions and proper
54 application of first aid were instrumental in saving the
55 life of Mr. Gilbert; such conduct reflects the highest
56 standards of the law enforcement profession and exemplifies



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57 the courage, dedication, and professionalism expected of
58 those who serve and protect the residents of Alabama; now
59 therefore,

60 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
61 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend
62 Senior Trooper Hunter Woodruff as a recipient of the 2026
63 Alabama Legislative Meritorious Service Award for Law
64 Enforcement and dedicate this resolution to him with
65 profound gratitude, admiration, and esteem for his exemplary
66 service to the people of this state.