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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING OFFICER ZACK TUTTEN AS A NOMINEE FOR THE
4 2017 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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6 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
7 recognize Officer Zack Tutten of the Lincoln Police Department
8 as a nominee for the 2017 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor
9 for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award
10 for extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

11 WHEREAS, on the morning of May 28, 2016, Officer
12 Zack Tutten responded to a domestic assault call at the
13 Discount Food Mart within the police jurisdiction of Lincoln,
14 Alabama; the male aggressor had already departed when Officer
15 Tutten arrived on the scene; Officer Tutten immediately called
16 for paramedic assistance for the female assault victim; while
17 the paramedics were treating the victim and he was preparing a
18 report, Officer Tutten noticed the male suspect drive slowly
19 through the parking lot of the store; Officer Tutten quickly
20 exited the store, jumped into his patrol car, and drove out of
21 the parking lot and onto the highway behind the suspect's
22 vehicle; the suspect drove through the other entrance of the
23 store parking lot and pulled right in front of the store's
24 glass entry doors; upon seeing that the suspect had returned,
25 the store clerk locked the front door; Officer Tutten drove

1 back into the drug store parking lot and pulled behind the
2 suspect's vehicle; the suspect jumped out of his car holding a
3 pistol grip shotgun and pointed it at everyone inside as he
4 attempted to regain entry into the store; Officer Tutten
5 commanded the suspect to drop the weapon; the suspect turned
6 and pointed the shotgun directly at Officer Tutten, forcing
7 him to fire his weapon at the suspect who was fatally wounded;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, placed in a life-threatening situation and
10 without a moment's hesitation, Officer Zack Tutten placed
11 himself in the line of peril and stopped the individual from
12 killing or harming at least a half dozen people including the
13 two store employees, the original assault victim, two Lincoln
14 firefighter/medics, a civilian shopping in the store, and
15 customers in the parking and gas pump areas of the store; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Zack Tutten demonstrated immense
17 courage, diligence, and quick response in a life-threatening
18 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect
19 and serve the residents of Lincoln, Alabama, were evidenced by
20 his quick and proper response in protecting the lives of
21 others; and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Zack Tutten epitomizes the
23 qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly
24 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
25 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
3 Officer Zack Tutton as a nominee for the 2017 Legislative
4 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive
5 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and
6 esteem.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 20-APR-17.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

27-APR-17

Adopted