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8 COMMENDING OFFICER ZACK TUTTEN ON RECEIVING THE 2017
9 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
12 recognize Officer Zack Tutten of the Lincoln Police Department
13 on receiving the 2017 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for
14 Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award for
15 extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

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

1 store parking lot and pulled right in front of the store's
2 glass entry doors; upon seeing that the suspect had returned,
3 the store clerk locked the front door; Officer Tutton drove
4 back into the drug store parking lot and pulled behind the
5 suspect's vehicle; the suspect jumped out of his car holding a
6 pistol grip shotgun and pointed it at everyone inside as he
7 attempted to regain entry into the store; Officer Tutton
8 commanded the suspect to drop the weapon; the suspect turned
9 and pointed the shotgun directly at Officer Tutton, forcing
10 him to fire his weapon at the suspect who was fatally wounded;
11 and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, Officer Zack Tutton epitomizes the
26 qualities of those who serve and protect, and he is truly

1 deserving of this distinguished nomination for the Legislative
2 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

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