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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Rowe and Baker  
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8 COMMENDING OFFICER JOSHUA GARLEN OF THE MADISON  
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A NOMINEE FOR THE 2018 ALABAMA  
10 LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
13 recognize Officer Joshua Garlen of the Madison Police  
14 Department as a nominee for the 2018 Alabama Legislative Medal  
15 of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law  
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of  
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, for exceptionally valorous and intelligent  
19 police services, protecting the lives and safety of others as  
20 well as his own, during the attempted pursuit and apprehension  
21 of a domestic violence offender, Officer Joshua Garlen  
22 distinguished himself among his peers for decisive action that  
23 ended an immediate threat to officers, the general public, and  
24 the victim of domestic violence on October 1, 2017; and

25 WHEREAS, in a effort to defend himself from a  
26 violent assault with a truck and prevent further injury to  
27 himself and others, Officer Garlen drew his service weapon and

1 fired four times through his windshield and into the rear  
2 window of the truck, each shot narrowly missing his attacker;  
3 he was able to successfully end the assault; and

4 WHEREAS, rather than request medics for himself,  
5 Officer Garlen, having obtained control of the offender,  
6 requested medics respond to evaluate a fellow officer to  
7 ensure he had not been injured during the pursuit or from the  
8 discharge of his weapon; it was not until after the other  
9 officer had received medical attention that Officer Garlen  
10 advised he had been injured; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Garlen demonstrated courageous,  
12 calm, and intelligent quick thinking; he took action to defend  
13 his life and reduce the danger to the lives of fellow officers  
14 involved in the pursuit as well as innocent citizens, and he  
15 is truly deserving of this distinguished nomination for the  
16 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor  
19 Officer Joshua Garlen as a nominee for the 2018 Legislative  
20 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and direct that he receive  
21 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our admiration and  
22 esteem.