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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Rowe and Baker
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY NIKO VASILAKIS OF THE JEFFERSON
9 COUNTY SHERIFF'S 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 Deputy Niko Vasilakis of the Jefferson County
14 Sheriff's Department as a nominee for the 2018 Alabama
15 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's
16 highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the
17 line of duty; and

18 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis observed a multiple car
19 accident take place in which one car caught on fire and two
20 more left the road and plunged into a flowing creek; the
21 vehicle that remained in the roadway was on fire; Deputy
22 Vasilakis, with the assistance of two citizens, extinguished
23 the burning car and called for paramedics and backup; and

24 WHEREAS, while waiting for backup, Deputy Vasilakis
25 crawled on top of the cars in the creek to assess the
26 situation and relay information to Fire and Rescue; he was
27 able to assist one victim to the edge of the creek but could

1 not remove the other; once Fire and Rescue arrived on the
2 scene they were able to form a human ladder and remove the
3 victims of the cars and up the step embankment; and

4 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis performed his duties
5 without thought to his personal safety while awaiting backup;
6 his actions kept a hazardous situation from escalating to
7 something far worse; and

8 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis demonstrated immense
9 courage, diligence, and quick response in a life-threatening
10 situation; his loyalty and unwavering commitment to protect
11 and serve the residents of Jefferson County were evidenced
12 through his willingness to make quick and proper response in
13 order to save lives; and

14 WHEREAS, Deputy Vasilakis epitomizes the qualities
15 of those who serve and protect, and he is truly deserving of
16 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of
17 Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

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