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

3           COMMENDING OFFICER JOSHUA GARLEN AND OFFICER JOSHUA  
4 COLLINS OF THE MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT AS NOMINEES FOR THE  
5 2018 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
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7           WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
8 recognize Officer Joshua Garlen and Officer Joshua Collins of  
9 the Madison Police Department as a nominees for the 2018  
10 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,  
11 Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary  
12 courage in the line of duty; and

13           WHEREAS, for exceptionally valorous and intelligent  
14 police services, protecting the lives and safety of others as  
15 well as their own, during the attempted pursuit and  
16 apprehension of a domestic violence offender, Officer Joshua  
17 Garlen and Officer Joshua Collins distinguished themselves  
18 among their peers for decisive action that ended an immediate  
19 threat to officers, the general public, and the victim of  
20 domestic violence; and

21           WHEREAS, on October 1, 2017, both of the radios were  
22 broadcast within minutes of each other; Officer Garlen and  
23 Officer Collins responded to a domestic violence in progress  
24 call; Officer Collins arrived to find a lone female standing  
25 in the driveway of her residence "visibly distraught" and

1 "crying hysterically"; learning that she was the victim of the  
2 domestic violence call, Officer Collins further discovered  
3 that the offender has stolen her money and her truck; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Garlen was arriving in the area  
5 when Officer Collins' radio transmission describing the  
6 offender and the vehicle description, and direction of travel  
7 went out to all units; in an effort to defend himself from a  
8 violent assault with a truck and prevent further injury to  
9 himself and others, Officer Garlen drew his service weapon and  
10 fired four times through his windshield and into the rear  
11 window of the truck, each shot narrowly missing his attacker;  
12 he was able to successfully end the assault; and

13 WHEREAS, rather than request medics for themselves,  
14 Officer Garlen and Officer Collins, having obtained control of  
15 the offender, requested medics respond to ensure that  
16 residents of the area were not injured during the pursuit or  
17 from the discharge of Officer Garlen's weapon; it was not  
18 until after the residents were safe that Officer Garlen and  
19 Officer Collins advised they had been injured; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Garlen and Officer Collins  
21 demonstrated courageous, calm, and intelligent quick thinking;  
22 they took action to defend their lives and reduce the danger  
23 to the lives of fellow officers involved in the pursuit as  
24 well as innocent citizens, and they are truly deserving of

1 this distinguished nomination for the Legislative Medal of  
2 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 Joshua Garlen and Officer Joshua Collins as nominees  
6 for the 2018 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement  
7 and direct that each of them receive a copy of this resolution  
8 as evidence of our admiration and esteem.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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 13-MAR-18.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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