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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTIES ANDY REED, HAYDEN CLEMENTS, AND
9 TYLER CLINE OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS
10 RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR
11 LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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13 WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that we present
14 Deputies Andy Reed, Hayden Clements, and Tyler Cline of the
15 Etowah County Sheriff's Office with the 2018 Alabama
16 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's
17 highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the
18 line of duty; and

19 WHEREAS, on May 26, 2017, while on duty at the
20 Etowah County Detention Center (ECDC), a multi-jurisdictional
21 correctional facility in Gadsden, Alabama, that houses all
22 levels of offenders, Deputies Andy Reed, Hayden Clements, and
23 Tyler Cline responded to a fire set by Immigration and Customs
24 Enforcement Agency (ICE) detainees in Unit 3, a maximum
25 security housing unit; since 1998, ECDC has housed some of the
26 most dangerous Immigration Detainees in the United States; on
27 this particular day, five Immigration Detainees from Iraq,

1 Cambodia, Vietnam, Nigeria, and Mali were plotting an alleged
2 escape attempt; all five were violent offenders who were in
3 the process of being deported to their native country; upon
4 the deputies' arrival, they found the unit on fire, saturated
5 with smoke, and filled with inmates; knowing that this unit
6 housed among the most ruthless individuals in the Detention
7 Center and that they were outnumbered three to one, the
8 deputies entered the unit without hesitation; unable to see
9 and forced to hold their breath each time, they entered the
10 unit time and time again until all persons were evacuated to a
11 safe area; after ensuring all were safe and the facility was
12 secure, these deputies continued their work, despite suffering
13 from smoke inhalation and exhaustion; the bravery and heroic
14 actions exhibited by these men saved 22 lives; their courage
15 and devotion to duty espouse the highest traditions of law
16 enforcement service and reflect great credit upon themselves,
17 the Etowah County Detention Center, and the Office of Sheriff,
18 Etowah County, Alabama; their actions further demonstrate
19 their love of country and their willingness to place their own
20 lives in harm's way to defend freedom; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor
23 Deputy Hayden Clements, Deputy Tyler Cline, and Lieutenant
24 Andy Reed as recipients of the 2018 Legislative Medal of Honor
25 for Law Enforcement and direct that they receive a copy of
26 this resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.