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8 COMMENDING ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
9 TROOPER TONY BREWER AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE
10 MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Alabama Department of Public Safety Trooper Tony
14 Brewer as the recipient of the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor
15 for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law enforcement award
16 for extraordinary courage in the line of duty; and

17 WHEREAS, Trooper Brewer is currently assigned to
18 Troop A, Marion County/Highway Patrol Division/Hamilton Post,
19 and has been a member of the Department of Public Safety Since
20 February 9, 2003; and

21 WHEREAS, on July 29, 2013, at approximately 11:55
22 a.m., Trooper Brewer responded to a local agency call for
23 assistance at the Hampton Inn in Winfield, Alabama; the call
24 was made by a local agency responding to a suspicious person
25 call in which a suspect tried to lure a female into a car,
26 broke from custody, brandished a firearm, and ran into the
27 woods; and

1 WHEREAS, Trooper Brewer arrived on scene along with
2 the DPS Aviation Unit, who conducted an aerial search and
3 located the suspect; Trooper Brewer then exited his patrol car
4 and confronted the suspect, whom he commanded to the ground;
5 when the suspect failed to follow direction and ran, Trooper
6 Brewer realized that fellow officers were approaching from the
7 other side of the woods; although well aware that the suspect
8 had a weapon and of the danger to other officers, with the
9 potential for an ambush, Trooper Brewer without hesitation or
10 backup pursued the suspect into the woods in order to maintain
11 visual contact; and

12 WHEREAS, upon Trooper Brewer's close approach, the
13 suspect turned and began firing his weapon; Trooper Brewer
14 took cover on the ground and returned fire, along with other
15 agency officers who had closed in; during the exchange of
16 gunfire the suspect, who was walking toward Trooper Brewer
17 firing his weapon, fell to the ground; Trooper Brewer then
18 jumped to his feet and maintained a cover fire position as the
19 other officers approached; due to the actions of Trooper
20 Brewer and his courageous actions to apprehend the suspect,
21 the threat was neutralized; and

22 WHEREAS, the investigation into this incident
23 revealed that the suspect had recently been released from
24 prison, had stolen a car and two handguns, and was on a crime
25 spree; and

26 WHEREAS, Trooper Tony Brewer demonstrated courage
27 and selfless service, risking his life without hesitation, to

1 ensure the safety of his fellow law enforcement officers and
2 the public, and he is truly deserving of this significant
3 honor; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and
6 congratulate Alabama Department of Public Safety Trooper Tony
7 Brewer on being awarded the 2014 Legislative Medal of Honor
8 for Law Enforcement, and direct that he receive a copy of this
9 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem.