

1 HJR218  
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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Baker and Rowe  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 09-MAY-19

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 POSTHUMOUSLY COMMENDING MOBILE POLICE OFFICER JUSTIN  
4 BILLA AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF  
5 HONOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
8 recognize Deputy Justin Billa as a recipient of the 2019  
9 Alabama Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement,  
10 Alabama's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary  
11 courage in the line of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, on February 20, 2018, Deputy Justin Billa  
13 tragically lost his life while responding to a crime at the  
14 Ridge Road West area in Mobile, Alabama, where Deputy Billa  
15 and other police found a female body, identified as Fonda  
16 Poellnitz; through continued investigation, detectives  
17 followed up on the whereabouts of Poellnitz's ex-husband,  
18 Robert Hollie; police responded to Hollie's residence and  
19 observed a vehicle that belonged to Hollie in the driveway;  
20 while waiting for additional officers to set up perimeter,  
21 Hollie emerged and fired multiple shots, with one round  
22 striking Officer Billa; Officer Billa was immediately removed  
23 from the scene and transported to the hospital, where he later  
24 died; soon thereafter, SWAT members found Hollie deceased  
25 inside the residence from a self-inflicted gunshot wound; and

1           WHEREAS, Deputy Billa will be remembered for his  
2 immense bravery and his unwavering commitment to protect and  
3 serve others; he is truly deserving as a recipient of the 2019  
4 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

5           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby posthumously  
7 recognize and honor Mobile Police Officer Justin Billa for his  
8 courage and as a recipient of the 2019 Legislative Medal of  
9 Honor of Law Enforcement; we dedicate this resolution to him  
10 in utmost gratitude, admiration, and esteem.

