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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY WILLIAM ROBBINS AS A NOMINEE FOR
9 THE 2019 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Deputy William Robbins of the Elmore County
14 Sheriff's Office as a nominee for the 2019 Alabama Legislative
15 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement, Alabama's highest law
16 enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of
17 duty; and

18 WHEREAS, on July 7, 2018, Deputy Robbins responded
19 to a "shots fired" 911 call at a residence in the Redland
20 community; once he arrived on the scene, he approached the
21 front door, attempting to gain entry; the house had purposely
22 been set on fire with gasoline; Deputy Robbins was told that
23 the man inside of the house had shot his wife and daughters;
24 one daughter had fled to a neighbor's house to call 911 when
25 the shooting began; on five separate occasions, Deputy Robbins
26 attempted to clear the house, room-by-room, trying to locate
27 the suspect and any other victims; on the last attempt, he

1 heard a male's voice near the rear of the house, followed by a
2 gunshot; as another deputy arrived, the house began to cave in
3 from the fire, and entry was attempted through a side door;
4 two of the daughters who had been shot ran to Deputy Robbins,
5 and he directed them to safety; the wife and one of the other
6 daughters fatally lost their lives from gunshot wounds; the
7 man committed suicide by inflicting a gunshot to his head; and

8 WHEREAS, the events that took place that day were
9 tragic; Deputy Robbins placed himself in a life-threatening
10 situation without a moment's hesitation, demonstrating immense
11 courage and diligence; and

12 WHEREAS, Deputy Robbins' loyalty and unwavering
13 commitment to protect and serve the residents of Elmore County
14 were evidenced by his quick and proper response to
15 unimaginable circumstances; he is truly deserving of this
16 distinguished nomination for the 2019 Legislative Medal of
17 Honor for Law Enforcement; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize and honor
20 Deputy William Robbins as a nominee for the 2019 Legislative
21 Medal of Honor of Law Enforcement, and direct that he receives
22 a copy of this resolution as evidence of our gratitude and
23 admiration.