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HR_____ COMMENDING SHERIFF HEATH JACKSON AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2024 ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we recognize Sheriff Heath Jackson of Escambia County Sheriff's Office as a recipient of the 2024 Alabama Legislative Meritorious Service Award for Law Enforcement for exemplary courage in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2023, Mother's Day, two families were kayaking on Burnt Corn Creek in Brewton when two adults' and two children's kayaks flipped over; two adults and two small children had to hang on to a limb of a tree in the middle of the water to keep from drowning; the rest of the group made it to land after being carried away further down the creek; one of the adults was able to call for help and notify the authorities; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jackson, who was off duty, heard the call for help and drove his jet ski to where the kayaks had overturned; he noted that the recent rain caused the water to be high and the current to be very strong and rough; Sheriff Jackson managed to rescue each individual, one at a time, and take them to safety; the eight survivors and Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, credit Sheriff Jackson for saving the



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29 kayakers' lives; and

30 WHEREAS, the quick thinking efforts of Sheriff Heath
31 Jackson, while off duty, and his decision to take a jet ski
32 through rough waters to reach the scene of the accident,
33 served a major role in saving the lives of two families; he
34 is truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
36 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby honor Sheriff Heath
37 Jackson as a recipient of the 2024 Alabama Legislative
38 Meritorious Service Award for Law Enforcement, and we
39 dedicate this resolution to him in utmost gratitude,
40 admiration, and esteem.