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3 By Representative Wood
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING JESSE FRANK FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY AND
9 LIFESAVING ACTIONS.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with great honor and with highest
12 commendation that we recognize Jesse Frank of Pell City,
13 Alabama, for his rapid response in a crisis that potentially
14 saved the lives of 38 children on a school bus when the bus
15 driver lost consciousness; and

16 WHEREAS, Jesse is a senior at Pell City High School;
17 he and a friend were seated directly behind the driver on the
18 bus when Jesse realized something was wrong; seeing that the
19 driver was disoriented, he immediately called 911 on his cell
20 phone to seek assistance; and

21 WHEREAS, as the bus swerved into traffic Jesse knew
22 he had to act quickly; managing to keep calm and make the
23 correct decisions during the emergency situation, Jesse
24 steered the bus to the right shoulder of the road; with the
25 driver unconscious and still in the driver's seat, Jesse had
26 to operate the foot brake pedal with his hand; once the bus
27 was stopped, Jesse helped students off the bus and onto

1 another bus, allowing some students to use his cell phone to
2 contact their parents; and

3 WHEREAS, responding beyond the call of duty to a
4 life-threatening situation prevented a tragic accident and
5 possibly saved the lives of the students and the driver of the
6 bus; Jesse has been proclaimed a hero by school officials, the
7 Mayor of Pell City, the parents, and many others; and

8 WHEREAS, it is in times of crisis that the measure
9 of a person becomes evident, and Jesse Frank demonstrated
10 merit in multiple ways by helping control and stop the bus; he
11 put the welfare of others ahead of all other considerations
12 and utilized his knowledge and skills to make a difference; he
13 is truly deserving of special recognition for his heroic
14 actions; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to honor and
17 commend Jesse Frank for his outstanding and rapid response and
18 lifesaving actions, and this resolution is offered in
19 admiration and appreciation to him along with best wishes in
20 all future endeavors.