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3 By Senators Coleman, Dunn, Little (Z), Denton, Mitchell,
4 Little (T), Figures, Beason, Marsh, Brooks, French, Sanford,
5 Orr, Dixon, Waggoner, Erwin, Glover, Smith, Bedford, Ross, and
6 Poole
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4 ENROLLED, SJR78,

5 CREATING AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE SAFE
6 DISPOSAL OF HOME GENERATED SHARPS.

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8 WHEREAS, each year, more than 3 billion medical
9 sharps are used by individuals in their homes; and

10 WHEREAS, typically, these medical sharps are put
11 into the household trash; and

12 WHEREAS, placing sharps in household trash creates a
13 health hazard for other members of the family and sanitation
14 workers; and

15 WHEREAS, public awareness and education about the
16 safe disposal of home generated sharps will improve the public
17 health and safety of Alabama residents; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Department of
20 Public Health, Alabama Department of Environmental Management,
21 Association of County Commissioners of Alabama League of
22 Municipalities, Alabama Medical Association, Alabama Pharmacy
23 Association, Home Health Care Association of Alabama, American
24 Diabetes Association, and Alabama Pharmacy Association are
25 encouraged and requested to work together in a collaborative

1 effort in order to educate the public and create awareness
2 regarding the safe disposal of home generated medical sharps.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge local
4 pharmacies to make these materials available to customers upon
5 purchase of sharps and that they add the legend, "Do Not
6 Recycle," on the outside of any box or container, to the
7 pharmacist's notes and warning about the drug.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge any solid waste
9 transportation and disposal service, whether public or
10 private, which picks up solid waste from a residence to
11 provide educational information to its customers at least once
12 per quarter.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby direct the
14 Department of Public Health to display and make available
15 materials educating the public about the safe disposal of home
16 generated medical sharps in all county public health
17 departments throughout the state.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby direct the
19 Department of Environmental Management to collaborate with
20 licensed medical waste collectors to educate the public or
21 disseminate information through the Department's medical waste
22 program.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the Home Health
24 Care Association of Alabama to make these materials available

1 to all members of the Association and encourage annual
2 distribution to clients.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the American
4 Diabetes Association of Alabama to make these materials
5 available to all members annually.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge each entity
7 named in this resolution to make a copy of these materials
8 available on its website in order to inform all Alabamians
9 about the dangers of disposing of sharps in medical waste.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby ask and
11 encourage the foregoing entities to complete the foregoing
12 tasks no later than January 1, 2011.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 02-MAR-10

By: Senator Coleman