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3 By Senators Singleton, Fielding, Smitherman, Irons, Bedford,
4 Sanders, Figures, Smith, Beasley, Coleman, Holley, Keahey,
5 Dunn, Reed, Allen, Dial, and Ward
6 RFD:
7 First Read: 09-MAR-11

8 URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO KEEP
9 THE W.D. PARTLOW DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER OPEN.
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11 WHEREAS, W.D. Partlow Developmental Center was
12 founded in 1919 and is the only residential facility in the
13 state for people with intellectual disabilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Partlow currently houses 151 residents with
15 special needs that require a high level of specialized care;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Partlow currently has a 484 person staff,
18 including nurses, doctors, dentists, therapists,
19 psychologists, social workers, food service workers, and
20 housekeepers and maintenance crews; and

21 WHEREAS, the health, safety, and quality of life for
22 the residents of Partlow are at stake; and

23 WHEREAS, Section 22-50-15 of the Code of Alabama
24 1975, declares that Partlow State Hospital is an essential
25 function of state government and that funds allocated for the
26 support of Partlow State Hospital shall not be subject to

1 proration at any time a deficit occurs in the General Fund;
2 now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the State Department
5 of Mental Health to keep the W.D. Partlow Developmental Center
6 open to maintain an essential function of state government and
7 provide care to 151 of our neediest citizens.