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3 By Representative Ford
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 DESIGNATING THE SECOND WEEK OF MAY AS CYSTIC
4 FIBROSIS AWARENESS WEEK IN ALABAMA.
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6 WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis is one of the most common
7 life-threatening genetic diseases in the United States and one
8 for which there is no known cure; and

9 WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 people nationwide have
10 cystic fibrosis, more than half of them children; and

11 WHEREAS, one of every 3,500 babies born in the
12 United States is born with cystic fibrosis; and

13 WHEREAS, the University of Alabama at Birmingham is
14 an international leader in cystic fibrosis research and
15 clinical care; and

16 WHEREAS, John P. Clancy, M.D., Director of the
17 Pediatric Pulmonary Center at the University of Alabama at
18 Birmingham, was the principal investigator for one of the
19 preliminary drugs aimed at treating the underlying causes of
20 cystic fibrosis; and

21 WHEREAS, prompt, aggressive treatment of the
22 symptoms of cystic fibrosis can extend the lives of people who
23 have the disease; and

24 WHEREAS, education of the public about cystic
25 fibrosis increases the knowledge and understanding of cystic

1 fibrosis, promotes early diagnosis, and is a key factor in
2 supporting research into the causes and cure; and

3 WHEREAS, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation conducts
4 activities throughout the United States in recognition of
5 National Cystic Awareness Month during the month of May each
6 year, and it is appropriate to join other states in the battle
7 to conquer this disease by designating the second week of May
8 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week in Alabama; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and support the
11 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's dedication to the battle against
12 Cystic Fibrosis by designating the second week of May as
13 Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week in Alabama and, by copy of this
14 resolution to Dr. John P. Clancy at the University of Alabama
15 at Birmingham for appropriate display, we urge all Alabamians
16 to support the ongoing search for improved treatment and a
17 cure for this debilitating disease.

