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8 DESIGNATING THE SECOND WEEK OF MAY AS CYSTIC
9 FIBROSIS AWARENESS WEEK IN ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis is one of the most common
12 life-threatening genetic diseases in the United States and one
13 for which there is no known cure; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the University of Alabama at Birmingham is
19 an international leader in cystic fibrosis research and
20 clinical care; and

21 WHEREAS, John P. Clancy, M.D., Director of the
22 Pediatric Pulmonary Center at the University of Alabama at
23 Birmingham, was the principal investigator for one of the
24 preliminary drugs aimed at treating the underlying causes of
25 cystic fibrosis; and

1 WHEREAS, prompt, aggressive treatment of the
2 symptoms of cystic fibrosis can extend the lives of people who
3 have the disease; and

4 WHEREAS, education of the public about cystic
5 fibrosis increases the knowledge and understanding of cystic
6 fibrosis, promotes early diagnosis, and is a key factor in
7 supporting research into the causes and cure; and

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

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