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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
RECOGNIZING INFANTSEE AND PROMOTING AWARENESS OF THE
IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DETECTION OF EYE DISORDERS.

WHEREAS, InfantSEE is a program sponsored by the
American Optometry Association to provide assessments designed
to complement a pediatrician's routine well-care visit through
a one-time, no-cost eye and vision evaluation to infants
between the ages of 6-12 months, regardless of family income
or access to insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, infant screening to detect eye disorders or
visual problems is essential during the first year of life to
prevent lifelong disabilities, social impairments, and cost to
the health care system; and

WHEREAS, frequently, because of their subtlety,
visual disorders are undetected, resulting in very poor
outcomes for children in later years; infants and children who
are disadvantaged or fail to receive the recommended sequence
of well-baby visits during the first year are at greater risk
for long-term visual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, many eye disorders, when treated early, are
resolved during the formative years, preventing long-term
visual problems or cost to the health care system; and

1 WHEREAS, one in 10 children is at risk from
2 undiagnosed eye and vision problems which, if undetected,
3 could lead to permanent visual impairment; however, only 14
4 percent of children from infancy to age six have had a
5 comprehensive eye assessment from an eye care professional;
6 now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize the
9 nationwide initiative InfantSEE and, by copy of this
10 resolution, we join in promoting awareness of this worthy
11 program sponsored by the American Optometry Association for
12 the benefit of our children, whose vision depends upon early
13 detection of eye disorders.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 17-APR-12.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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