

1 HR168  
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3 By Representatives Todd and Hall  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WOMEN AND GIRLS HIV/AIDS  
9 AWARENESS DAY IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS is increasingly a "women's  
12 epidemic," both in the United States and globally; and

13 WHEREAS, an estimated 25 percent of persons living  
14 with HIV in the United States are women and girls; and

15 WHEREAS, women comprise nearly one quarter (23  
16 percent) of persons who are newly infected with HIV; and

17 WHEREAS, young women between the ages of 13 and 19  
18 are at extremely high risk of HIV infection and are an  
19 increasing percentage of new HIV infections; and

20 WHEREAS, women are more likely to face barriers in  
21 accessing HIV prevention, treatment, and care; and

22 WHEREAS, racial and ethnic disparities are  
23 particularly pronounced among women living with HIV/AIDS; and

24 WHEREAS, factors such as poverty, violence,  
25 inequality, racial and sexual biases, and discriminatory laws  
26 directly contribute to health disparities and an increased  
27 vulnerability to HIV for women; and

1           WHEREAS, studies indicate that most Americans feel  
2           there has been insufficient action on HIV from a variety of  
3           groups and institutions, including Congress, state and local  
4           governments, the media, corporate, religious and community  
5           leaders, and pharmaceutical companies; now therefore,

6           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
7           THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That March 10, 2012, shall be  
8           recognized as National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day,  
9           to encourage individuals, elected officials, and community  
10          based organizations to take action to address the impact of  
11          HIV/AIDS on women and girls.