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2 149690-2  
3 By Representatives Williams (D), Butler, Roberts, Baughn,  
4 Greer, Patterson, Nordgren, Johnson (K), Collins, Davis,  
5 McClendon, Sessions, Hammon, Vance and Long  
6 RFD: Rules  
7 First Read: 05-MAR-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 DESIGNATING MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS MULTIPLE SYSTEM  
4 ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH.  
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6 WHEREAS, Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a fatal  
7 neurological disease diagnosed in approximately 15,000  
8 patients in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, as many as 35,000 more patients in the  
10 United States with MSA are misdiagnosed with other more  
11 recognizable neurodegenerative disorders; and

12 WHEREAS, patients with MSA lose the ability to walk,  
13 talk, chew, swallow, and even breathe over the course of a few  
14 years; the occurrence of MSA in the United States has  
15 increased in recent years; and

16 WHEREAS, no specific risk factors or causes of MSA  
17 have been identified, and there is currently no cure for MSA;  
18 the lack of awareness about MSA has hindered research and the  
19 ability of researchers to obtain funding for their work; and

20 WHEREAS, public support and greater awareness of the  
21 need for research funding will aid in the discovery of the  
22 cause of and a cure for MSA; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby designate March 2013  
25 and each year thereafter as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness

1 Month to increase public awareness of this progressive  
2 neurodegenerative disorder.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 02-APR-13.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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Senate

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02-MAY-13

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