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3 By Representative Beech  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 RECOGNIZING MAY 2013 AS MELANOMA/SKIN CANCER  
9 DETECTION AND PREVENTION MONTH AND MAY 6, 2013, AS MELANOMA  
10 MONDAY.

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12 WHEREAS, most people do not realize that the skin is  
13 the largest organ of the body and performs many essential  
14 tasks, such as regulating body temperature, protecting  
15 internal organs, providing sensation, and supporting metabolic  
16 functions; and

17 WHEREAS, estimates are that one in five Americans  
18 will develop skin cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, more than two million cases of non-melanoma  
20 skin cancer are diagnosed in the United States each year; and

21 WHEREAS, recent estimates show that there will be  
22 76,690 new cases of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin  
23 cancer, diagnosed in the United States this year; and

24 WHEREAS, melanoma is the most common form of cancer  
25 for young adults 25-29 years old and the second most common  
26 form of cancer for adolescents and young adults 15-29 years  
27 old; and

1           WHEREAS, the total direct cost associated with the  
2 treatment of melanoma is estimated to exceed two billion  
3 dollars in a single year; and

4           WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers are highly  
5 treatable if detected early; and

6           WHEREAS, sun exposure is the most preventable risk  
7 factor for all skin cancers, including melanoma; and

8           WHEREAS, the American Academy of Dermatology's  
9 Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month is a  
10 public education campaign designed to promote the prevention  
11 and early detection of melanoma and other skin cancers; and

12           WHEREAS, Melanoma Monday, May 6, 2013, the American  
13 Academy of Dermatology's premier skin cancer awareness event,  
14 encourages all Americans to find a free skin cancer screening  
15 program the Academy's National Skin Cancer Screening program  
16 and to "SPOT Skin Cancer"; now therefore,

17           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That May 2013 be recognized as  
19 Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month in the  
20 State of Alabama, and it is directed that a copy of this  
21 resolution be provided to the Alabama Dermatology Society for  
22 appropriate display.