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3 By Senators Whatley, Figures, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,
5 Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh, McGill, Orr,
6 Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Singleton,
7 Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, and Williams
8 RFD:
9 First Read: 12-FEB-13

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8 DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 21, 2013, ALABAMA SUICIDE
9 PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY.

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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Chapter of the American
12 Foundation for Suicide Prevention recently attended the
13 Suicide Prevention National Convention in Houston, Texas, and
14 won several awards; and

15 WHEREAS, the Alabama Chapter for Suicide Prevention
16 won for the third year in a row the Education Award, won for
17 the fourth year in a row Chapter of the Year for a mid-sized
18 chapter, and placed sixth over 280 Chapters for the Out of the
19 Darkness Walk, raising over \$158,000; and

20 WHEREAS, suicide claims countless lives each year
21 and causes great harm to the survivors of victims; and

22 WHEREAS, suicide takes the life of a veteran every
23 90 minutes and an active duty soldier every day; and

24 WHEREAS, untreated depression and mental illness
25 often lead to suicide; however, through education, treatment,
26 and counseling, this killer can be stopped; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That February 21, 2013, be
3 designated as Alabama Suicide Prevention Awareness Day, and
4 all citizens are encouraged to participate in defeating this
5 tragic killer.