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3 By Senators 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, Whatley, and  
8 Williams  
9 RFD:  
10 First Read: 14-FEB-13

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4 ENROLLED, SJR27,

5 DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2013 AS AMERICAN  
6 HEART MONTH IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, while progress has been significant in  
9 reducing deaths from heart disease, it remains the No. 1  
10 killer of both women and men; and

11 WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases are the nation's  
12 leading cause of death and costliest disease, with direct and  
13 indirect costs estimated to be \$312.6 billion; and

14 WHEREAS, between 1999 and 2009, the rate of deaths  
15 from cardiovascular diseases fell 32.7 percent, but still  
16 accounted for nearly one in three deaths in the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, approximately 2,150 individuals die from  
18 cardiovascular diseases each day, accounting for about one  
19 death every 40 seconds; and

20 WHEREAS, more than 12,000 Alabamians die from  
21 cardiovascular disease each year; and

22 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's 2020  
23 impact goal seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all  
24 Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from  
25 cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent through

1 research, population- and community-level interventions,  
2 public health and policy measures; and

3 WHEREAS, efforts of the American Heart Association  
4 encourage citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if  
5 symptoms occur, become trained in CPR, and support  
6 comprehensive automated external defibrillator programs in  
7 their communities; and

8 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association is  
9 celebrating February 2013 as American Heart Month and  
10 promoting educating and awareness by encouraging citizens to  
11 learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; now  
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of the  
15 importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease, we  
16 hereby designate February 2013 as American Heart Month in the  
17 State of Alabama and urge all citizens to realize the critical  
18 importance of tools and skills to increase survival rates from  
19 cardiac arrest, with the goal of incorporating these tools  
20 into aggressive programs that can save thousands of lives each  
21 year.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
23 resolution be provided for appropriate presentation and  
24 display during February 2013, in acknowledgement of the vital  
25 importance of American Heart Month.

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President and Presiding Officer of  
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Speaker of the House of Representa-  
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Senate 14-FEB-13

I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint  
Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 19-FEB-13

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By: Senator Figures