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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:
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8 DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2013 AS AMERICAN
9 HEART MONTH IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, approximately 2,150 individuals die from
21 cardiovascular diseases each day, accounting for about one
22 death every 40 seconds; and

23 WHEREAS, more than 12,000 Alabamians die from
24 cardiovascular disease each year; and

25 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's 2020
26 impact goal seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all
27 Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from

1 cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent through
2 research, population- and community-level interventions,
3 public health and policy measures; and

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

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

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

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