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4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Waggoner, Ward,
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8 URGING THE ALABAMA INTERAGENCY AUTISM COORDINATING
9 COUNCIL TO INCLUDE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH
10 NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ITS MISSION.
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12 WHEREAS, the Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating
13 Council was created in 2009 to provide an interagency system
14 of care for individuals with autism spectrum disorder and
15 their families; and

16 WHEREAS, neurodevelopmental disorders are
17 impairments of the growth or development of the brain and
18 central nervous system; Rett Syndrome is a neurodevelopmental
19 disorder of the grey matter of the brain; and

20 WHEREAS, neurodevelopmental disorder, and
21 particularly, Rett Syndrome, share many characteristics and
22 treatments with autism spectrum disorder, are easily confused
23 with autism spectrum disorder, and are frequently misdiagnosed
24 as autism; and

25 WHEREAS, the similarities of these disorders, their
26 causes, research, available resources for care and treatment
27 and long-term planning, and programs of services, place these

1 conditions together at times and at other times competing for
2 resources that could be shared for mutual benefit; now
3 therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That by copy of this resolution,
6 the Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating Council is urged
7 to include assistance to individuals with neurodevelopmental
8 disorders, particularly Rett Syndrome, within the scope of its
9 mission.