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8 URGING ALABAMA RESTAURANT OPERATORS TO EDUCATE
9 EMPLOYEES ABOUT FOOD ALLERGY SAFETY.

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11 WHEREAS, food allergies are a serious public health
12 issue and can be a life-threatening condition; Food Allergy
13 Research and Education (FARE) is a nonprofit organization
14 formed to ensure the safety of individuals with food
15 allergies; and

16 WHEREAS, FARE studies indicate there has been a 50
17 percent increase in people with food allergies since 1997 and
18 that every 3 minutes a food allergy sends someone to the
19 emergency room; and

20 WHEREAS, according to FARE, there are 15 million
21 people in the United States with food allergies and 6 million
22 of those are children; one in every 13 children is affected by
23 a food allergy; and

24 WHEREAS, FARE has formed a partnership with the
25 National Restaurant Association to offer a training program
26 intended to educate restaurant employees on food allergy

1 safety and to increase awareness of food allergies as a
2 serious public health issue; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge restaurant owners and
5 operators in Alabama to explore and consider the educational
6 materials and training opportunities offered by Food Allergy
7 Research and Education and the National Restaurant Association
8 regarding food allergies and consider training on-site
9 management and staff regarding safe food allergy practices.