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8 EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SENTIMENT SUPPORTING  
9 DESIGNATION OF PHARMACISTS AS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

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11 WHEREAS, pharmacists practice in many health care  
12 settings and are essential members of the health care team;  
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14 WHEREAS, Alabama is in the minority of states which  
15 have yet to designate pharmacists as health care providers;  
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17 WHEREAS, the lack of this designation means Alabama  
18 pharmacists do not qualify for Medicare B payments when  
19 providing services to patients; and

20 WHEREAS, pharmacists are readily accessible to the  
21 public and provide, with physician/prescriber collaboration,  
22 the most appropriate medication usage recommendations, reduce  
23 costs, and ultimately improve patient health outcomes; and

24 WHEREAS, the omission of pharmacists as listed  
25 health care providers limits Medicare beneficiaries' access to  
26 pharmacists' services in the outpatient setting; and

1           WHEREAS, without health care provider status, it  
2 will continue to be difficult for a pharmacist to obtain  
3 practice insurance for any area beyond filling prescriptions;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Alabama has multiple under-served areas and  
6 any contribution by the pharmacist in those areas will not be  
7 allowed without the designation as a health care provider; now  
8 therefore,

9           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature supports the  
11 designation of pharmacists as health care providers.