

1 SJR65  
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3 By Senators Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Brewbaker, Dial, McClendon,  
4 Glover, Livingston, Bussman, Scofield, Albritton, Ross,  
5 Blackwell, Shelnut, Holley, Williams, Allen, Chambliss,  
6 Singleton, Beasley, Figures, Hightower, Holtzclaw, Marsh,  
7 Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders, Sanford, Smith,  
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Ward and Whatley  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR65,

5 RECOGNIZING APRIL 2016 AS "METASTATIC BREAST CANCER  
6 AWARENESS MONTH" IN ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, other than skin cancer, breast cancer is  
9 the most common form of cancer found in women in the United  
10 States and is the second leading cause of cancer death for  
11 women; over 12 percent of women born today in the United  
12 States, or 1 in 8 women, will be diagnosed with breast cancer  
13 during their lifetime; and

14 WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer, or Stage IV  
15 breast cancer, is the period in which cancer cells spread from  
16 the breast and metastasize to other parts of the body,  
17 commonly the lungs, liver, bones, and brain; and

18 WHEREAS, approximately five percent of newly  
19 diagnosed breast cancer cases are diagnosed as metastatic  
20 breast cancer, and it is estimated that 30 percent of early  
21 stage breast cancer cases will become metastatic or recurrent  
22 advanced cases; and

23 WHEREAS, women with metastatic breast cancer have a  
24 poorer prognosis and lower five-year survival rate than women  
25 with early stage breast cancer; diagnosis of this disease in

1 women under the age of 40 has increased by 2 percent each  
2 year; and

3 WHEREAS, despite the morbidity and mortality  
4 associated with metastatic breast cancer, the median amount of  
5 funding spent on metastasis research constitutes only 5  
6 percent of total cancer research spending; and

7 WHEREAS, being aware of the information, support,  
8 treatments, and coping methods available can help those living  
9 with the disease, as well as friends and family members,  
10 through a potentially overwhelming and very difficult time;  
11 now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That April 2016 is recognized as  
14 Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Alabama, and we  
15 and urge all citizens to spread awareness of this heart  
16 wrenching disease, provide support for those affected by this  
17 illness, and educate others on its prevention and early  
18 detection.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 22-MAR-16  
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  
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By: Senator Coleman-Madison