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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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8 RECOGNIZING APRIL 2016 AS "METASTATIC BREAST CANCER
9 AWARENESS MONTH" IN ALABAMA.

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, women with metastatic breast cancer have a
27 poorer prognosis and lower five-year survival rate than women

1 with early stage breast cancer; diagnosis of this disease in
2 women under the age of 40 has increased by 2 percent each
3 year; and

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

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

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