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3 By Representatives Poole, Scott, Chesteen, Garrett, Patterson,
4 Collins, Buskey, Baker, Lovvorn, Tuggle and Ford
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING APRIL AS ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
4 MONTH.
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6 WHEREAS, the Alabama Community College System is the
7 state's largest system of public higher education and is
8 Alabama's most affordable and accessible system of higher
9 education; and

10 WHEREAS, the three foundational pillars of the
11 Alabama Community College System, which are academic transfer,
12 workforce development, and adult education, make a positive
13 impact on the people of our great state; and

14 WHEREAS, with a unified network of 23 community and
15 technical colleges, Marion Military Institute, one of only
16 three public military two-year colleges in the country, and 73
17 instructional sites, the Alabama Community College System is
18 firmly planted in every county and is within easy reach of
19 every community in this state; additionally, the Alabama
20 Technology Network provides innovative technical assistance to
21 hundreds of businesses each year; and

22 WHEREAS, during the Summer 2015 through Spring 2016
23 semesters, 80,960 students were enrolled in an Alabama
24 community college and 17,082 degrees and certificates were
25 awarded; and

1 WHEREAS, the Alabama Community College System
2 awarded 7,647 career and technical education dual enrollment
3 scholarships to 5,294 students during the Summer 2015 through
4 Spring 2016 semesters in its dual enrollment and early college
5 programs, providing high achieving students with rigorous
6 courses beyond those offered at the secondary level,
7 increasing college access to those who would not otherwise be
8 college bound, preparing them for high-wage, high-demand
9 occupations; and

10 WHEREAS, since 1998, more than 1,209,055 students in
11 Alabama's community colleges have utilized the Statewide
12 Articulation and Transfer Reporting System to assure the
13 transfer of academic work toward bachelor's degrees at
14 four-year institutions; and

15 WHEREAS, the Alabama Technology Network has worked
16 with more than 3,500 Alabama companies over the past decade in
17 providing technical assistance that improved efficiency and
18 profitability; the Alabama Technology Network is credited with
19 saving or retaining 17,000 jobs during this period; Alabama
20 businesses, with the help of the Alabama Technology Network,
21 increased profits by more than \$123,000,000 during 2016; and

22 WHEREAS, more than 436,000 working-age adults in
23 Alabama have neither a high school diploma nor a GED; the
24 Alabama Community College System awarded more than 2,900 GED
25 diplomas, 5,000 National Career Readiness Certificates, and

1 served more than 27,000 participants through its adult basic
2 education programs in 2016; and

3 WHEREAS, the Alabama Community College System
4 remains committed to its mission of educating and training the
5 people of Alabama, thus building stronger communities, a
6 stronger workforce, and a stronger economy; and

7 WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Community
8 College Month; and

9 WHEREAS, the Chancellor of the Alabama Community
10 College System recommends this action; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize the
13 accomplishments of the Alabama Community College System as it
14 continues to fulfill its unique and distinctive mission of
15 providing a unified system of institutions delivering
16 accessible, affordable, and superior educational
17 opportunities, workforce development, and adult education
18 services to all of Alabama, yielding a well-educated,
19 productive citizenry and a better prepared workforce.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby proclaim
21 April as Alabama Community College Month and urge all
22 Alabamians and business and industry leaders who are committed
23 to improving Alabama's academic transfer, workforce
24 development, and adult education for the 21st Century to use
25 and support local community colleges.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 04-APR-17.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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