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3 By Senators Dial and McClendon  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR9,

5 RECOGNIZING THE RURAL MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM ON

6 CELEBRATING ITS 20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

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8 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize  
9 the Rural Medical Scholars Program at The University of  
10 Alabama on the momentous occasion of its 20th Year  
11 Anniversary; and

12 WHEREAS, the Rural Medical Scholars Program, offered  
13 by The University of Alabama's College of Community Health  
14 Sciences, recruits rural Alabama students for training as  
15 primary care physicians to provide health care to residents of  
16 rural and medically underserved Alabama counties; and

17 WHEREAS, through the years, the Rural Medical  
18 Scholars Program have garnered prestigious honors from the  
19 National Rural Health Association based on extraordinary  
20 student leadership and achievement; graduates of the acclaimed  
21 program have emerged as leaders within state medical  
22 organizations including the Alabama Academy of Family  
23 Physicians; and

24 WHEREAS, Rural Medical Scholars Program Director and  
25 Founder Dr. John Wheat has set a high standard of excellence

1 for Alabama rural medical education; his example and  
2 mentorship have emphasized the positive impact that a rural  
3 physician can make on a small community; notably, Dr. Wheat  
4 was named 2007 Distinguished Educator of the Year by the  
5 National Rural Health Association and was a 2010 inductee to  
6 the Alabama Health Care Hall of Fame; and

7 WHEREAS, ninety percent of all Rural Medical  
8 Scholars Program graduates have entered practice in Alabama  
9 improving countless lives and making gigantic leaps in the  
10 rewarding field of rural medicine; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Rural Medical Scholars  
13 Program is hereby recognized, and we offer this resolution in  
14 highest tribute to Dr. John Wheat as well as the staff,  
15 students, and graduates of the program, along with sincere  
16 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

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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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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 Dial