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3 By Representative Beech
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING MARCH 2018 AS "ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS
4 MONTH" IN ALABAMA.

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6 WHEREAS, endometriosis is a disease of the female
7 reproductive system; and

8 WHEREAS, endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to
9 that normally found in the uterus begins to grow outside of
10 the uterus, leading to chronic, debilitating pelvic pain; and

11 WHEREAS, endometriosis is a leading cause of female
12 infertility; and

13 WHEREAS, endometriosis affects 1 in 10 women of
14 childbearing age in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, there is an average of a 10-year delay from
16 the onset of symptoms to the final diagnosis of endometriosis;
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18 WHEREAS, U. S. endometriosis patients were
19 hospitalized 105,123 days in 2010 because of their disease;
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21 WHEREAS, women with endometriosis can lose 11 hours
22 per work week through lost productivity and absenteeism due to
23 pain; and

24 WHEREAS, Fifty-one percent of endometriosis patients
25 report that their disease detrimentally affects their job; and

1 WHEREAS, the estimated total annual societal burden
2 of endometriosis-related symptoms in the U. S is \$56 billion
3 or \$10,824 per patient; and

4 WHEREAS, there is no cure for endometriosis; and

5 WHEREAS, more research is necessary to develop
6 treatment options to manage this debilitating disease; and

7 WHEREAS, traditionally, providers have focused on
8 managing the associated pain with oral contraceptives,
9 progestins, danazol, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
10 (NSAIDs), opioids, and GnRH agonists, many of which are not
11 specifically indicated for the treatment of endometriosis; in
12 more extensive cases, surgical interventions (e.g. laparotomy
13 or laparoscopy) are often pursued and may not be curative for
14 all individuals; and

15 WHEREAS, more research is needed to find additional
16 treatment options to manage this debilitating disease; and

17 WHEREAS, education is important for promoting
18 awareness of symptoms and early detection and diagnosis of
19 endometriosis; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the we recognize the month of
22 March as Endometriosis Awareness Month and encourage the state
23 to observe the month with related awareness and educational
24 campaigns.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Alabama Department of
2 Public Health is encouraged to make available online resources
3 and current information on endometriosis.

