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3 By Representative Beech
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8 RECOGNIZING MARCH 2018 AS "ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS
9 MONTH" IN ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, endometriosis is a disease of the female
12 reproductive system; and

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

16 WHEREAS, endometriosis is a leading cause of female
17 infertility; and

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

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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, there is no cure for endometriosis; and

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, education is important for promoting
23 awareness of symptoms and early detection and diagnosis of
24 endometriosis; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the we recognize the month of
27 March as Endometriosis Awareness Month and encourage the state

1 to observe the month with related awareness and educational
2 campaigns.

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