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4 Burkette, Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn,  
5 Elliott, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
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8 URGING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA TO  
9 "FIST BUMP" RATHER THAN SHAKE HANDS.

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11 WHEREAS, On December 31 of 2019, China alerted the  
12 World Health Organization as to several cases of an "unusual  
13 pneumonia" in Wuhan, a port city in the central Hubei  
14 province; by January 7 of 2020, officials announced that they  
15 had identified a new virus, named 2019-nCoV and now known  
16 worldwide as the Coronavirus; and

17 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus has now spread to over 85  
18 countries across six continents; in the United States, there  
19 are at least 160 patients in 17 states, with at least 11  
20 reported fatalities; and

21 WHEREAS, Coronaviruses are spread through being in  
22 proximity to an infected person or a "carrier," a person who  
23 has come into contact with an infected person; the likelihood  
24 of transmission is highest when inhaling droplets coughed or  
25 sneezed by an infected person or when coming into direct  
26 physical contact with an infected person or carrier, such as  
27 during a handshake; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body hereby urges all  
3           individuals in the State of Alabama to "fist bump" rather than  
4           shake hands, for the duration of the Coronavirus health  
5           crisis.