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3 By Senators Singleton, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,  
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,  
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnuttt, Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner,  
8 Whatley and Williams  
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8 RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER  
9 AWARENESS MONTH.

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11 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a disease that  
12 disproportionately affects men with a family history of the  
13 disease, particularly a brother or a father, as they advance  
14 in age; and

15 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly  
16 diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second-leading cause of  
17 cancer-related deaths among men in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, if the disease progresses to the metastatic  
19 phase, the prognosis is poor with median survival time of  
20 about three years; and

21 WHEREAS, having a father or brother with prostate  
22 cancer more than doubles the risk of a man developing the  
23 disease, with a higher risk for men who have a brother with  
24 prostate cancer and the highest risk for men with several  
25 affected relatives; and

26 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2019, the Director of the  
27 National Institutes of Health supported approximately

1       \$271,000,000 in research projects focused specifically on  
2       prostate cancer; ongoing research promises further  
3       improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection,  
4       and treatment; furthermore, educating people in the United  
5       States, including health care providers, about prostate cancer  
6       and early detection strategies is crucial in saving the lives  
7       of men and preserving and protecting families; and

8               WHEREAS, improved awareness of prostate cancer,  
9       understanding of increased risks for developing it, as well as  
10       access to recent medical advances that may extend the time a  
11       patient lives without the cancer spreading are important to  
12       improve patient outcomes; now therefore,

13               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That September is recognized as  
15       National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and that steps are to  
16       be taken to raise awareness about the importance of screening  
17       methods for, and treatment of, prostate cancer; to encourage  
18       research; and to improve access to, and the quality of, health  
19       care services for detecting and treating prostate cancer.