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- 3 By Representative Warren
- 4 RFD: Rules
- 5 First Read: 03-Apr-25

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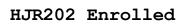
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- 3 COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONWIDE POLIO
- 4 ERADICATION CAMPAIGN.
- 5 WHEREAS, seventy years ago, in 1955, the United
- 6 States embarked on a historic public health initiative, the
- 7 nationwide polio eradication campaign, marking the beginning
- 8 of the end for a disease that had long afflicted children
- 9 and adults, leaving thousands paralyzed or dead each year;
- 10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, polio is a highly infectious disease that
- has existed for thousands of years, and which primarily
- 13 affects children under the age of five causing paralysis and
- 14 death; and for which there is no known cure; and
- 15 WHEREAS, through the groundbreaking work of many
- 16 physicians and scientists, the development of the first safe
- 17 and effective polio vaccine offered hope to millions of
- 18 families across Alabama, the United States, and the world;
- 19 and
- 20 WHEREAS, in the early years in the fight against
- 21 polio, Black doctors and researchers at the Tuskegee
- 22 Infantile Paralysis Center at Tuskegee Institute, now
- 23 Tuskegee University, conducted significant work in treating
- 24 and eradicating polio, with the center serving as the only
- 25 place in the South where African American children with
- 26 polio could come for treatment; and
- WHEREAS, in 1955, Ira Myers, M.D. became
- 28 administrative officer and assistant to then State Health

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29	Officer Dr. D.G. Gill; he helped initiate the mass Salk
30	Polio Vaccine Program in Alabama, after having served from
31	1950 to 1955 in the federal Public Health Service as Senior
32	Surgeon, Chief Epidemic Intelligence Officer, Communicable
33	Disease Center; he participated in field studies of polio
34	epidemiology and trials of the Salk polio vaccine and
35	coauthored several scientific articles in national
36	publications detailing the cause, effects, and treatment for
37	polio and other similar viral infections; and
38	WHEREAS, on April 12, 1955, the largest vaccination
39	effort in U.S. history began, which ultimately led to the
40	eradication of polio in the United States; President Dwight
41	Eisenhower, whose administration played a key role in
42	funding polio research and ensuring widespread distribution
43	of the vaccine, stated, "I think that this is one of the
44	greatest events of our time"; and
45	WHEREAS, this anniversary serves as a reminder of the
46	power of science, medicine, and collective action in
47	overcoming such a terrible and devastating disease affecting
48	children and stands as one of the greatest public health
49	triumphs of the 20th century; now therefore,
50	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
51	HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby commemorate the
52	70th Anniversary of the nationwide polio eradication
53	campaign and acknowledge and salute the tremendous
54	accomplishments of all the scientists, physicians, public
55	health personnel, parents, and others, many Alabamians among
56	them, who made this remarkable achievement possible.





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87	Senate	15-Apr-25	Adopted
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78 79	and was	passed by the House 09-Apr-25.	
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