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2 HLTH888-2
3 By Representative DuBose
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 11-Feb-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 RECOGNIZING APRIL 17, 2025, AS BUCKETS OF SMILES DAY.

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5 WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of
6 death by disease in children, with one out of 285 children
7 in the United States being diagnosed by their 20th birthday;
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9 WHEREAS, more than 190 children are diagnosed with
10 cancer annually in Alabama, and over 500 children in Alabama
11 undergo treatment each year; and

12 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
13 organization that was founded by Ella Kate Nichols in 2017
14 with the mission to bring a smile to the face of every child
15 fighting cancer by providing hospital-approved activity
16 items to children in Alabama hospitals; and

17 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles has raised over \$67,000 to
18 improve the lives of children and families affected by
19 cancer; and

20 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles has also created an
21 ambassador program to encourage youth throughout the United
22 States to become involved in helping others by making
23 deliveries to hospitals in their home states; and

24 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles has delivered over 1,588
25 buckets filled with activity items to children fighting
26 cancer across the nation; and

27 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles has established a college
28 scholarship for childhood cancer survivors in the State of



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29 Alabama; and

30 WHEREAS, Buckets of Smiles advocates for children
31 with cancer and their families, while fundraising for
32 research that seeks to provide better treatments with fewer
33 side effects and hopefully, one day, a cure; now therefore,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
35 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That April 17, 2025, shall be
36 known as Buckets of Smiles Day in the State of Alabama, and
37 the residents of Alabama are encouraged to recognize this
38 day for its importance in spreading awareness regarding
39 children with cancer and the need for better treatment
40 options with fewer side affects.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 18-Feb-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

01-May-25

Adopted