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

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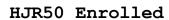
| 1 | Enrolled, An Act, |
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| 3 | RECOGNIZING APRIL 17, 2025, AS BUCKETS OF SMILES DAY. |
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| 5 | WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of |
| 6 | death by disease in children, with one out of 285 children |
| 7 | in the United States being diagnosed by their 20th birthday; |
| 8 | and |
| 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 |
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| 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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| 60 | I | hereby certify that the within Act originated | in |
| 61 | and was | passed by the House 18-Feb-25. | |
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