## SJR57 ENROLLED



- 1 SJR57
- 2 QNC9Y41-2
- 3 By Senators Beasley, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Bell, Butler,
- 4 Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman, Coleman-Madison,
- 5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,
- 6 Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,
- 7 Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,
- 8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams
- 9 RFD: Rules
- 10 First Read: 03-Apr-25

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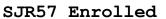


1	Enrolled, An Act,
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4	SJR COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONWIDE
5	POLIO ERADICATION CAMPAIGN.
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7	WHEREAS, seventy years ago, in 1955, the United
8	States embarked on a historic public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

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





- 57 health personnel, parents, and others, many Alabamians among
- them, who made this remarkable achievement possible.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SJR57 Senate 03-Apr-25 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Passed: 09-Apr-25 By: Senator Beasley