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3 By Senators Allen, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley, 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, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

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4 SJR___ RECOGNIZING MAY 19, 2025, AS A DAY OF HOPE IN THE
5 STATE OF ALABAMA.
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7 WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of
8 disease-related death among children, affecting one in 285
9 children in the United States before their 20th birthday;
10 each day, 46 children, totaling approximately 16,790
11 annually, are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., with an
12 average age of just six years old at the time of diagnosis;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, H.U.G.S. 4 Childhood Cancer, a 501(c)(3)
15 nonprofit organization, stands as a beacon of hope and
16 strength for children and families battling childhood
17 cancer, working tirelessly to bring meaningful change to
18 those whose lives have been forever impacted by the disease;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, H.U.G.S. was founded by the Adams family in
21 honor of Hannah Adams and her personal journey with
22 childhood cancer that started 16 years ago on May 19, 2009,
23 and of which she is now a survivor; and

24 WHEREAS, H.U.G.S., which stands for Helping U Get
25 Stronger, focuses on three key pillars of its mission:
26 legislative education, family support, and community
27 awareness, ensuring comprehensive advocacy and assistance
28 for children and families battling cancer; and



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29 WHEREAS, H.U.G.S. focuses on impacting the
30 legislative process through advocating to create more
31 funding for childhood cancer research; emphasizes the impact
32 on a family when a child is diagnosed with cancer and works
33 to support that family; encourages local communities to
34 become involved in helping children with childhood cancer
35 overcome their illness; and works alongside incredible
36 organizations like the Alabama Department of Public Health,
37 Alabama Cancer Control Coalition, Kids V Cancer, among many
38 others; and

39 WHEREAS, through partnering with the Alabama
40 Department of Public Health, H.U.G.S. will continue
41 supplying care packages to children and families with
42 resources and support materials, as well as improving
43 survivorship efforts for childhood cancer by educating state
44 leaders, supporting families, and increasing awareness in
45 local communities; and

46 WHEREAS, H.U.G.S. 4 Childhood Cancer will do
47 everything possible for there to be a day when no child will
48 ever hear the words "you have cancer"; now therefore,

49 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
50 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That May 19, 2025, shall be known
51 as A Day of Hope in the State of Alabama, and the residents
52 of Alabama are encouraged to recognize this day for its
53 importance in promoting childhood cancer awareness.