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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, Shelnett, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

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SJR\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING MAY 19, 2025, AS A DAY OF HOPE IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of disease-related death among children, affecting one in 285 children in the United States before their 20th birthday; each day, 46 children, totaling approximately 16,790 annually, are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., with an average age of just six years old at the time of diagnosis; and

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

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

WHEREAS, H.U.G.S., which stands for Helping U Get Stronger, focuses on three key pillars of its mission: legislative education, family support, and community awareness, ensuring comprehensive advocacy and assistance 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.