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4 HJR____ DESIGNATING JANUARY AS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH.

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6 WHEREAS, 56 years ago, January was designated as
7 National Blood Donor Month, as an annual observance meant to
8 honor voluntary blood donors and encourage more people to
9 donate blood at a time when blood supplies were historically
10 low; and

11 WHEREAS, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers have been
12 serving Alabama with the collection and distribution of
13 lifesaving blood and blood products to patients in our local
14 hospitals for more than 30 years; and

15 WHEREAS, in our communities, the need for a diverse
16 blood supply is constant, but the supply is not, making
17 volunteer blood donors the foundation for ensuring a safe
18 and stable supply of blood products is available to help
19 meet the medical needs of patients nationwide; and

20 WHEREAS, a blood transfusion occurs in the U.S. every
21 two seconds but only three percent of the eligible
22 population actually donates blood, bringing about chronic
23 blood shortages nationwide which have exposed the
24 vulnerability of our nation's blood supply and revealed its
25 need to be included in emergency preparedness plans; and

26 WHEREAS, O negative is the universal blood type,
27 represented by just six percent of the population and often
28 used in trauma situations, making it the most needed blood

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29 type and most likely to be in short supply when there is a
30 blood emergency; and

31 WHEREAS, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers serve
32 Emergency Medical Services in the State of Alabama, allowing
33 EMS to transfuse trauma victims at the scene of an accident
34 before arrival at the hospital, increasing survival rates;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, patients requiring blood transfusions
37 include cancer patients; accident, burn, or trauma victims;
38 newborn babies and their mothers; transplant recipients;
39 surgery patients; chronically transfused patients suffering
40 from sickle cell disease or thalassemia; and many more; now
41 therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
43 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the month of January is
44 hereby recognized as National Blood Donor Month in the State
45 of Alabama.

46 BE IT FURTHER REESOLVED, That we urge all citizens to
47 celebrate the cause of blood donation and recognize
48 volunteer blood donors for their generous gifts. We further
49 urge all eligible blood donors to donate regularly and
50 encourage businesses and organizations throughout the State
51 of Alabama to sponsor community-based blood drives with
52 LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, among other blood
53 collection institutions, and provide citizens of our state
54 with the opportunity to give.