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8 RECOGNIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE FIREFIGHTER
9 CANCER REGISTRY DATABASE BY THE ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE.

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11 WHEREAS, the construction of buildings and the
12 manufacturing of their contents include more materials that
13 use chemicals that when burned, their compounds change; and

14 WHEREAS, these burning compounds release many
15 different known carcinogens; and

16 WHEREAS, it is now known that firefighters are at
17 risk of being exposed to these carcinogens while on the scene
18 of a fire; and

19 WHEREAS, national studies have indicated that
20 firefighters are twice as likely to develop specific types of
21 cancer and are likely to die from these cancers due to more
22 exposure to the carcinogens than the general public; and

23 WHEREAS, the gathering of quality informational data
24 regarding these exposures is vital to understanding the known
25 exposures and how to limit the risk and best protect
26 firefighters and their families; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the establishment
3 of a state firefighter cancer registry database created by the
4 Alabama Fire College that will provide a tool for all
5 firefighters in the state, whether paid or volunteer, to login
6 and enter their exposure information.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this database will
8 provide a private account that only the firefighter or an
9 administrator of the database system can access for privacy
10 concerns.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We acknowledge that the
12 exposure information, less any personal information not
13 required, would be collected from the entries in the database
14 and forwarded annually to the Centers for Disease Control and
15 Prevention to be utilized in studies that are attempting to
16 limit the exposure of firefighters to known carcinogens while
17 performing the duties of their job.