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3 By Senators McClendon, Gudger, Sessions, Elliott, Chesteen,  
4 Coleman-Madison, Shelnuttt, Allen, Waggoner, Orr, Butler, Ward,  
5 Livingston, Scofield, Melson, Stutts, Price, Albritton,  
6 Barfoot, Beasley, Burkette, Chambliss, Dunn, Figures, Givhan,  
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8 Singleton, Smitherman, Whatley and Williams  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR4,

5 RECOGNIZING MARCH 2019 AS COLORECTAL CANCER  
6 AWARENESS MONTH IN ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second most common  
9 cause of cancer deaths for men and women in Alabama; and

10 WHEREAS, the lifetime risk of being diagnosed with  
11 cancer of the colon or rectum is 5.5 percent for men and 5.1  
12 percent for women in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the vast majority of colon cancer deaths  
14 can be prevented through proper screening and early detection;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, if 80 percent of adults were screened for  
17 colon cancer, 203,000 fewer people would die by 2030; and

18 WHEREAS, the survival rate of individuals who have  
19 colorectal cancer is 90 percent when detected in the early  
20 stages versus only 10 percent survival rate when colorectal  
21 cancer is diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

22 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates 2,230  
23 cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in Alabama this  
24 year and 950 people will die from the disease; and

1           WHEREAS, deaths from colorectal cancer occur  
2           disproportionately among those who are underserved or  
3           underinsured; and

4           WHEREAS, when detected early, the five-year survival  
5           rates for colon cancer is 90 percent; however, only 39 percent  
6           of colorectal cancers are diagnosed at this stage, mostly due  
7           to low rates of screening; and

8           WHEREAS, five-year survival rates decline  
9           dramatically when colorectal cancer is diagnosed in later  
10          stages; and

11          WHEREAS, greater awareness of colon cancer and the  
12          means to prevent it could save the lives of hundreds of  
13          Alabamians every year; and

14          WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is preventable,  
15          treatable, and beatable in most cases; and

16          WHEREAS, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness  
17          Month during the month of March would provide a special  
18          opportunity to offer education on the importance of early  
19          detection and screening; now therefore,

20          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the importance of  
22          colorectal screenings.

23          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage all  
24          Alabamians who are age 45 and older to get a colorectal

1 screening and recognize March 2019 as Colorectal Cancer  
2 Awareness Month in Alabama.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator McClendon