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3 By Representative Beech  
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8 RECOGNIZING MARCH 2018 AS "ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS  
9 MONTH" IN ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, endometriosis is a disease of the female  
12 reproductive system; and

13 WHEREAS, endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to  
14 that normally found in the uterus begins to grow outside of  
15 the uterus, leading to chronic, debilitating pelvic pain; and

16 WHEREAS, endometriosis is a leading cause of female  
17 infertility; and

18 WHEREAS, endometriosis affects 1 in 10 women of  
19 childbearing age in the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, there is an average of a 10-year delay from  
21 the onset of symptoms to the final diagnosis of endometriosis;  
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23 WHEREAS, U. S. endometriosis patients were  
24 hospitalized 105,123 days in 2010 because of their disease;  
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1           WHEREAS, women with endometriosis can lose 11 hours  
2 per work week through lost productivity and absenteeism due to  
3 pain; and

4           WHEREAS, Fifty-one percent of endometriosis patients  
5 report that their disease detrimentally affects their job; and

6           WHEREAS, the estimated total annual societal burden  
7 of endometriosis-related symptoms in the U. S is \$56 billion  
8 or \$10,824 per patient; and

9           WHEREAS, there is no cure for endometriosis; and

10          WHEREAS, more research is necessary to develop  
11 treatment options to manage this debilitating disease; and

12          WHEREAS, traditionally, providers have focused on  
13 managing the associated pain with oral contraceptives,  
14 progestins, danazol, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs  
15 (NSAIDs), opioids, and GnRH agonists, many of which are not  
16 specifically indicated for the treatment of endometriosis; in  
17 more extensive cases, surgical interventions (e.g. laparotomy  
18 or laparoscopy) are often pursued and may not be curative for  
19 all individuals; and

20          WHEREAS, more research is needed to find additional  
21 treatment options to manage this debilitating disease; and

22          WHEREAS, education is important for promoting  
23 awareness of symptoms and early detection and diagnosis of  
24 endometriosis; now therefore,

25          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the we recognize the month of  
27 March as Endometriosis Awareness Month and encourage the state

1 to observe the month with related awareness and educational  
2 campaigns.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Alabama Department of  
4 Public Health is encouraged to make available online resources  
5 and current information on endometriosis.