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3 By Senator Mitchell  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR94,

5 RECOGNIZING CHIROPRACTIC CARE AS AN EFFECTIVE METHOD  
6 FOR TREATMENT OF NECK AND BACK PAIN.

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8 WHEREAS, nearly 50% of patients in the United States  
9 who suffer from persistent back pain seek chiropractic care;  
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11 WHEREAS, a preponderance of peer-reviewed scientific  
12 literature suggests that chiropractic care, including spinal  
13 manipulation and mobilization, is at least as effective as a  
14 treatment for patients with back and neck pain as other widely  
15 used methods; and

16 WHEREAS, a 2009 expert study from Harvard University  
17 and Mercer Health and Benefits reports that spine-related  
18 problems, including back and neck pain, which are extremely  
19 common conditions and consume large amounts of medical and  
20 health care resources in the United States, account for an  
21 estimated \$85 billion in annual spending; and

22 WHEREAS, the 2009 study further finds that  
23 chiropractic care is very effective for treating lower back  
24 and neck pain; according to the study, when considering the  
25 relative effectiveness of treatment in conjunction with the

1       actual cost of treatment, chiropractic care provides excellent  
2       value, when compared to medical physician care; and

3               WHEREAS, the 2009 study projects that insurance  
4       coverage for chiropractic care for lower back and neck pain,  
5       excluding conditions involving fracture or malignancy, is  
6       likely to improve the cost-effectiveness of care in the United  
7       States and the improvement is likely to occur within a very  
8       short timeframe; now therefore,

9               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize  
11       chiropractic care as a viable and cost-effective method for  
12       the treatment of back and neck pain.

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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.

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McDowell Lee  
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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