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3 By Representative Hall  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3           DECLARING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8 THROUGH NOVEMBER  
4 12, 2010, DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK IN ALABAMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  
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6           WHEREAS, the Legislature of Alabama finds a  
7 compelling public interest in educating Alabamians,  
8 particularly young people, about the serious risks associated  
9 with diabetes and the importance of developing healthy  
10 lifestyles for prevention of chronic disease; and

11           WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease  
12 Control (CDC), the prevalence of overweight children between  
13 the ages of six and eleven years has more than doubled over  
14 the past 20 years, while the same instance among adolescents  
15 between the ages of twelve and nineteen years has more than  
16 tripled over the same period; overweight children and  
17 adolescents are more likely to become overweight or obese  
18 adults; there is an undeniable connection between obesity and  
19 chronic disease, including diabetes; and

20           WHEREAS, Type 2 diabetes, formerly known as adult  
21 onset diabetes, has become increasingly prevalent among  
22 children and adolescents as rates of obesity rise; a CDC study  
23 has estimated that one in three American children born in 2000  
24 will develop diabetes over the course of their lifetimes; and

1           WHEREAS, we are pleased to note that the Alabama  
2     Department of Public Health and the Alabama Department of  
3     Education, in partnership with the American Diabetes  
4     Association, Southeastern Diabetes Education Association,  
5     Alabama Diabetes Network, Juvenile Diabetes Research  
6     Foundation, Alabama Association of School Nurses, Johnson &  
7     Johnson, LifeScan, Animas, Children's Hospital of Alabama,  
8     Alabama Education Association, the Alabama Chapter of the  
9     American Academy of Pediatrics, The University of Alabama -  
10    Birmingham Division of Pediatric Endocrinology, and the  
11    Alliance for a Healthier Generation, have announced the  
12    Alabama School-based Diabetes Awareness Initiative, which will  
13    be recognized during the month of November in Alabama public  
14    schools; and

15           WHEREAS, the Alabama School-based Diabetes Awareness  
16    Initiative will provide resources and materials to assist  
17    schools in increasing awareness of diabetes and chronic  
18    disease prevention and development of healthy lifestyles and  
19    to increase awareness of diabetes with an emphasis on  
20    prevention and proper diagnosis of diabetes in school faculty,  
21    staff, and parents of school-age children; the Initiative will  
22    enhance care to students with diabetes by providing continuing  
23    education and professional development to school nurses who  
24    treat these children; and

1               WHEREAS, the goals and ambitions of the Alabama  
2       School-based Diabetes Awareness Initiative - to educate  
3       parents, students, and teachers about the dangers of diabetes  
4       and the importance of prevention and early intervention - are  
5       shared by the Legislature of Alabama; now therefore,

6               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby declare November 8  
8       through November 12, 2010, Diabetes Awareness Week in Alabama  
9       public schools and that we hereby heartily endorse the Alabama  
10      School-based Diabetes Initiative and its goals.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 03-MAR-10.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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