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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

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
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Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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