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3 By Senators Means, Bedford, Barron, Beason, Benefield, Bishop,
4 Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn, Erwin, Figures,
5 French, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh,
6 Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman, Poole, Preuitt, Ross,
7 Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, and Waggoner
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8 RECOGNIZING APRIL AS FOOT HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH.
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10 WHEREAS, diabetes is a disease that affects the
11 body's ability to produce and use insulin in amounts
12 sufficient to control blood sugar levels; and

13 WHEREAS, diabetes affects 23.6 million Americans
14 each year and, according to the American Diabetes Association,
15 costs \$174 billion in the United States every year, with about
16 1.6 million new cases being diagnosed each year; and

17 WHEREAS, people with any type of diabetes can
18 develop blindness, heart disease and stroke, kidney disease,
19 and nervous system disease (neuropathy); and

20 WHEREAS, diabetes is the leading cause of new cases
21 of blindness among adults aged 20-74, and is also the leading
22 cause of kidney failure; and

23 WHEREAS, 60 to 70 percent of people with diabetes
24 have mild to severe forms of nervous system damage; and

1 WHEREAS, adults with diabetes have heart disease
2 death rates two to four times higher than adults without
3 diabetes; and

4 WHEREAS, the complications of diabetes cause an
5 alarming number of victims to lose a leg or a foot, a
6 statistic that has been calculated to equal one loss every 30
7 seconds worldwide, and experts estimate that 85 percent of
8 these amputations could be avoided through comprehensive
9 diabetes control and patient education; and

10 WHEREAS, raising awareness of the impact of
11 complications from diabetes will play a key role in educating
12 others on the importance of prevention and treatment,
13 resulting in better health for all individuals in the State of
14 Alabama and throughout the nation; and

15 WHEREAS, providing access to prevention, detection,
16 and treatment of complications from diabetes will save many
17 lives and also will have the effect of saving money; now
18 therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize April as
21 Foot Awareness Month and by copy of this resolution to the
22 American Podiatric Medical Association for appropriate
23 display, we encourage all health care providers, insurers, and
24 purchasers to join in support of awareness and education
25 regarding diabetes, its complications, and proper medical
26 management.

