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2       126554-1  
3       By Senators Brewbaker, Williams, Waggoner, Fielding, Ward,  
4       Reed, Dial, Taylor, Allen, and Scofield  
5       RFD:  
6       First Read: 03-MAR-11

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8           URGING THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
9       DISPLAY THE LEGEND "WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES" ON ROADSIDE TRAFFIC  
10      ADVISORY SIGNAGE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2011.

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12           WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature finds a compelling  
13      public interest in encouraging motorists in Alabama to be  
14      vigilant for the presence of motorcycles on roadways, so as to  
15      avoid traffic accidents and fatalities; and

16           WHEREAS, studies have shown that operators of  
17      automobiles tend to be less aware of the presence of  
18      non-four-wheeled vehicles in their vicinity and that  
19      two-thirds of motorcycle accidents involve a motorcycle and a  
20      four-wheeled vehicle; and

21           WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety  
22      Administration has declared May "Motorcycle Awareness Month";  
23      it is the desire of this Legislature to join the NHTSA in  
24      raising awareness of the growing number of motorcyclists on  
25      Alabama's roadways, in order to prevent accidents and save  
26      lives; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge and exhort the  
3           Alabama Department of Transportation to direct that all  
4           available roadside traffic advisory signage display the legend  
5           "Watch for Motorcycles" throughout the month of May 2011, in  
6           the absence of any intervening circumstance or more urgent  
7           message to display.

8                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
9           resolution will be provided to the Director of the Alabama  
10          Department of Transportation.