

1 HR187  
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3 By Representative Hall  
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8 RECOGNIZING PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ALABAMA THAT WORK WITH  
9 THE AIDS SERVICE ORGANIZATION NETWORK TO PROMOTE HIV  
10 PREVENTION.

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12 WHEREAS, Alabama state law does not require the  
13 teaching of sexuality education; and

14 WHEREAS, a resolution adopted by the Board of  
15 Education in 1987 requires that students in grades 5-12  
16 receive instruction about AIDS through a health education  
17 program; and

18 WHEREAS, should schools choose to offer additional  
19 sexuality education, the Code of Alabama sets minimum  
20 requirements for what must be taught, but specific content is  
21 developed locally; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2009, 51 percent of female high school  
23 students and 62 percent of male high school students in  
24 Alabama reported being sexually active (defined as having had  
25 sexual intercourse in the past three months) compared to 46  
26 percent of female and 46 percent of male high school students  
27 nationwide; and

1                   WHEREAS, among those high school students who  
2 reported being sexually active, 55 percent of females and 63  
3 percent of males in Alabama reported having used condoms the  
4 last time they engaged in sexual intercourse; and

5                   WHEREAS, these statistics are troubling, as they  
6 illustrate that a large percentage of Alabama's youth engage  
7 in sex, many of them without utilizing proper means to protect  
8 against pregnancy, STDs and HIV/AIDS; and

9                   WHEREAS, Alabama's teen pregnancy rates for 2008  
10 were higher than the national average; and

11                  WHEREAS, in 2009, the state also reported some of  
12 the highest rates of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis in the  
13 country; and

14                  WHEREAS, the AIDS Service Organization Network of  
15 Alabama is working diligently to prevent the spread of  
16 HIV/AIDS in Alabama by providing targeted HIV prevention  
17 programs; and

18                  WHEREAS, the desired impact of this partnership is  
19 to increase the understanding of the importance of sexual  
20 health education so that sexually active teens will be  
21 informed and capable of utilizing safer sex strategies, which  
22 will lead to a reduction in the rates of HIV/AIDS, STDs, and  
23 teen pregnancy in Alabama; now therefore,

24                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we honor and congratulate the  
26 leadership of those public schools in Alabama that have  
27 demonstrated a commitment to the health and welfare of

1 students and for the prevention of HIV, and we direct that a  
2 copy of this resolution be provided to each of those schools  
3 for appropriate presentation and display.