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3 By Senators Blackwell, Waggoner, Beason, Reed, Bussman, and
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8 RECOGNIZING APRIL 19, 2011, AS AMERICAN DIABETES
9 ASSOCIATION ALERT DAY.

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11 WHEREAS, in the United States, it is estimated that
12 23.6 million people, or 7.8 percent of the total population,
13 are affected by diabetes; and

14 WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association estimates
15 that more than half of all people with diabetes suffer from
16 Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

17 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy often causes
18 intense pain, frequently described as aching, tingling,
19 burning, and numbness of the feet, which often results in
20 serious foot problems due to nerve damage; and

21 WHEREAS, diabetic nerve damage can also lessen the
22 ability to feel pain, heat, and cold, which means that
23 diabetic patients may not feel a foot injury, a stone in their
24 shoe, or a nail in their foot; and

25 WHEREAS, the rate of amputations in people with
26 diabetes is 10 times higher than for people without diabetes;
27 studies show that more than 60 percent of nontraumatic lower

1 extremity amputations are due to Diabetic Peripheral
2 Neuropathy; and

3 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy can occur
4 whether a person has Type I diabetes, also known as juvenile
5 diabetes, or Type II diabetes, which is typically adult-onset;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy accounts for
8 more diabetes-related hospitalizations than any other
9 complication; and

10 WHEREAS, it is important that Alabamians with
11 diabetes be aware of the dangers and warning signs of Diabetic
12 Peripheral Neuropathy, and make healthy lifestyle choices to
13 prevent the onset of this life-changing condition; now
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize April 19,
17 2011, as American Diabetes Association Alert Day at the State
18 Capitol.