

1 SJR62
2 128370-1
3 By Senators Blackwell, Waggoner, Reed, Beason, Bussman,
4 Fielding, Allen, Beasley, Bedford, Brewbaker, Brooks, Coleman,
5 Dial, Dunn, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahen,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Ward, Whatley, and
8 Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 31-MAR-11

8 RECOGNIZING MAY 12, 2011, AS FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS
9 DAY.
10

11 WHEREAS, an estimated 10 million Americans have been
12 diagnosed with fibromyalgia, most of them women; and

13 WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is a chronic pain disorder
14 that is becoming an increasingly common diagnosis and is
15 taking a toll emotionally, financially, and socially on
16 patients, their families, friends, coworkers, and communities;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, many patients with fibromyalgia consult
19 multiple health care providers and often live with the pain
20 for years before it is properly diagnosed and managed; and

21 WHEREAS, fibromyalgia continues to be a poorly
22 understood disease that can be devastating to patients and
23 families; and

24 WHEREAS, presently, there is no cure for
25 fibromyalgia but there are treatments that help many people
26 improve the quality of their lives; and

1 WHEREAS, the chronically ill place a larger burden
2 on the health care and insurance industries and businesses
3 that must cover the costly expenses associated with their
4 treatment, medications, and sometimes hospitalizations; and

5 WHEREAS, increased awareness and expanded knowledge
6 of the realities of coping with fibromyalgia will allow the
7 community at large to better support patients and their
8 families, friends, coworkers, and employers who struggle with
9 the challenges of this chronic pain disorder; and

10 WHEREAS, there are common insurance barriers that
11 impede access to pain care for those with fibromyalgia and
12 these barriers promote undue suffering and untreated, under
13 treated, or inappropriately treated pain; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize May 12,
16 2011, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in Alabama and further
17 urge all Alabamians to support the search for a cure for
18 fibromyalgia and to assist those individuals and families who
19 daily cope with this devastating disorder.