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3 By Senators Blackwell, Waggoner, Reed, Beason, Bussman,  
4 Fielding, Allen, Beasley, Bedford, Brewbaker, Brooks, Coleman,  
5 Dial, Dunn, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,  
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,  
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Ward, Whatley, and  
8 Williams  
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8 RECOGNIZING MAY 12, 2011, AS FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS  
9 DAY.

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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.