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4 Fielding, Allen, Beasley, Bedford, Brewbaker, Brooks, Coleman,
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8 Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR62,

5 RECOGNIZING MAY 12, 2011, AS FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS
6 DAY.

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, fibromyalgia continues to be a poorly
19 understood disease that can be devastating to patients and
20 families; and

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

24 WHEREAS, the chronically ill place a larger burden
25 on the health care and insurance industries and businesses

1 that must cover the costly expenses associated with their
2 treatment, medications, and sometimes hospitalizations; and

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 5-APR-11

By: Senator Blackwell