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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
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 31-MAR-11

ENROLLED, SJR62,

RECOGNIZING MAY 12, 2011, AS FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS
DAY.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the chronically ill place a larger burden
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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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8 Senate 31-MAR-11

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

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17 House of Representatives

18 Adopted: 5-APR-11

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21 By: Senator Blackwell