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3 By Senator Dial  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR15,

5 COMMENDING THE VERIZON FOUNDATION FOR ITS STRONG  
6 SUPPORT OF THE AWARD-WINNING SIGHT SAVERS AMERICA KIDCHECK  
7 PROGRAM.

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9 WHEREAS, the Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic  
10 arm of Verizon, uses its technology, financial resources, and  
11 partnerships to address critical social issues, with a focus  
12 on education and domestic violence prevention and improving  
13 access to health care; and

14 WHEREAS, the Verizon Foundation provided a \$100,000  
15 grant to Sight Savers America to utilize technology for its  
16 KidCheck health screening program in Alabama public school  
17 systems; and

18 WHEREAS, KidCheck began as a state program that was  
19 created in 2008 by Governor Bob Riley's Alabama Rural Action  
20 Commission before becoming a new department of Sight Savers  
21 America, an Alabama-based nonprofit, in 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, the Verizon Foundation has been a proactive  
23 champion utilizing wireless technology to improve the health  
24 of Alabama's children; and

1           WHEREAS, more than 16,000 Alabama school children  
2 will receive a free, wireless comprehensive health screening  
3 this school year through this Verizon Foundation grant; and

4           WHEREAS, KidCheck received the AUM Center for  
5 Government's 2009 Innovative Alabama Governments Award as the  
6 Most Innovative Program at the State/Region Level; and

7           WHEREAS, the Business Council of Alabama cited  
8 KidCheck as a measurable program that should be supported as a  
9 means to contain long-term health care costs; and

10          WHEREAS, with the support of the Verizon Foundation,  
11 the KidCheck Program is improving Alabama children's health,  
12 and we all recognize that a healthy child is best able to  
13 reach his or her full potential in the classroom and beyond;  
14 and

15          WHEREAS, the Verizon Foundation's investment in  
16 Alabama's school children will result in long-term cost  
17 savings to Alabama taxpayers; and

18          WHEREAS, the Verizon Foundation recognizes the power  
19 of collaboration that is created through the KidCheck  
20 Program's partnerships with local school systems, two- and  
21 four-year college nursing schools, as well as state agencies  
22 including State Department of Education, Alabama Department of  
23 Public Health, ALL Kids, Medicaid, the Alabama Department of  
24 Postsecondary Education, and the Alabama Rural Development  
25 Office; and

1           WHEREAS, the Verizon Foundation recognizes that  
2           there is no other program like KidCheck in the country, and  
3           the program could be a national model for other states; and

4           WHEREAS, the Verizon Foundation has encouraged other  
5           foundations to join them in supporting KidCheck to further  
6           expand the program; now therefore,

7           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend the Verizon  
9           Foundation for supporting the Sight Savers America KidCheck  
10          Program that uses technology to improve the health of  
11          Alabama's school children and, by copy of this resolution to  
12          the foundation, we convey our admiration and appreciation.

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

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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