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

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8 RECOGNIZING CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN
9 SEPTEMBER 2013.

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11 WHEREAS, in the U.S., almost 13,000 children under
12 the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer every year, and
13 approximately 1/4 of them will not survive the disease; and

14 WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of
15 disease-related death for children; and

16 WHEREAS, childhood cancer treatment cure rates have
17 increased thus increasing the population of childhood cancer
18 survivors; today, the overall five-year survival rate for
19 childhood cancer is close to 80 percent; and

20 WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer survivors
21 face at least one chronic health condition and one quarter of
22 survivors face a late-effect from treatment that is classified
23 as severe or life-threatening; and

24 WHEREAS, notably, the objective of Childhood Cancer
25 Awareness Month is to bring awareness to the types of cancer
26 that largely affect children, survivorship issues, and most

1 importantly, to help raise funds for research and family
2 support; and

3 WHEREAS, we pay highest tribute to the courageous
4 children who have battled this tumultuous illness and their
5 loving, supportive families and communities, and we recognize
6 the magnanimous efforts and unwavering commitment of health
7 care professionals, researchers, and charities to continue to
8 seek advancements in the treatment of childhood cancer; now
9 therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the month of September 2013 is
12 recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and, by copy of
13 this resolution for appropriate display, we convey our
14 commitment to the observance of this important annual endeavor
15 in the battle against childhood cancer.