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

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10 First Read: 26-FEB-13

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8 RECOGNIZING MARCH 2013 AS MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY  
9 AWARENESS MONTH.

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11 WHEREAS, Multiple System Atrophy is a fatal  
12 neurological disease diagnosed in approximately 15,000  
13 patients in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, as many as 35,000 more patients in the  
15 United States with Multiple System Atrophy are misdiagnosed  
16 with other more recognizable neurodegenerative disorders; and

17 WHEREAS, patients with Multiple System Atrophy lose  
18 the ability to walk, talk, chew, swallow, and even breathe  
19 over the course of a few years; and

20 WHEREAS, the incidence of Multiple System Atrophy in  
21 the United States has increased in recent years; and

22 WHEREAS, currently, there is no cure for Multiple  
23 System Atrophy; and

24 WHEREAS, the lack of awareness about Multiple System  
25 Atrophy has hindered research and the ability of researchers  
26 to obtain funding for their work; and

1                   WHEREAS, public support and greater awareness of the  
2 need for research funding can aid in the discovery of the  
3 cause of and a cure for Multiple System Atrophy; now  
4 therefore,

5                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That March 2013 is recognized as  
7 National Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month and, by copy  
8 of this resolution for appropriate display, we convey our  
9 commitment to the observance of this important annual endeavor  
10 in the battle against Multiple System Atrophy.