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3 By Representative Merrill  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 05-MAR-13

8 RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 25 AS "STAND STRONG DAY" IN  
9 ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, bullying is a national problem in schools  
12 and communities, as nine out of ten students from 4th to 8th  
13 Grade reported that they have been bullied at least once; and

14 WHEREAS, the Tuscaloosa City Schools system has  
15 established a Harassment Awareness Learning Together (HALT)  
16 program to combat bullying; and

17 WHEREAS, The University of Alabama Bateman Team  
18 created the "I Can" campaign to support the Tuscaloosa City  
19 Schools' HALT program; and

20 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
21 herein conveyed to The University of Alabama Bateman Team on  
22 combatting bullying in Tuscaloosa City middle schools with the  
23 "I Can" campaign; and

24 WHEREAS, throughout the month of February, The UA  
25 Bateman Team members were involved in leading middle school  
26 students in positive team-building activities; and

1                   WHEREAS, this event should be repeated annually to  
2 encourage sustainability of statewide anti-bullying awareness;  
3 now therefore,

4                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That February 25 is recognized as  
6 "Stand Strong Day" in Alabama to acknowledge the importance of  
7 uniting the community under one goal: to make Alabama a  
8 bully-free state.