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3 By Representatives McClurkin, Ison, Barton and Hubbard (M)
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 04-APR-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE FURTHERANCE OF
4 AGREEMENTS TO IMPROVE SUPPORT SERVICES DESIGNED TO DETECT AND
5 TREAT MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS FOR ALABAMA'S STUDENTS.

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7 WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012, a mass shooting took
8 place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut,
9 resulting in the death of 20 students and six personnel; and

10 WHEREAS, the tragedy in Newtown is, unfortunately,
11 only the most recent in a trail of shootings at our schools
12 across the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has a responsibility
14 to make sure that our schools across Alabama are as safe,
15 secure, and protected as possible; and

16 WHEREAS, the earlier psychological and emotional
17 problems can be detected and treated in those in need, the
18 less likely that such persons will ever engage in violent
19 behavior; and

20 WHEREAS, teachers and school administrators should
21 be knowledgeable of and able to identify signs and symptoms of
22 students who may be in need of evaluation and treatment and
23 immediately report these concerns to the proper officials; now
24 therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support and encourage the furtherance of agreements between the Alabama Department of Mental Health and the Alabama State Department of Education that would increase support services offered at each school in terms of early detection and treatment of psychological and emotional disorders.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That we recommend that the Department of Education work in unison with the various family resource centers to provide additional support that will assist school districts in developing and implementing strategies that can be used to improve the social and emotional well-being of students.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That we recommend that the Department of Education create continuing education programs for teachers that will allow them to stay informed of techniques and strategies designed to recognize signs of potential emotional and psychological problems in students.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 16-APR-13.

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16 Senate 02-MAY-13 Adopted
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