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3 By Representative Nordgren
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8 RECOGNIZING NATIONAL COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING
9 WEEK.

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11 WHEREAS, for millennia, individuals have wanted the
12 spoken word translated into text to record history and to
13 accomplish this task have relied on scribes; and

14 WHEREAS, the profession of scribe was born with the
15 rise of civilization; and

16 WHEREAS, in Ancient Egypt, scribes were considered
17 to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important
18 documents and, since that time, have served as impartial
19 witnesses to history; and

20 WHEREAS, scribes were present with our nation's
21 founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill
22 of Rights were drafted; and

23 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln entrusted scribes
24 to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

25 WHEREAS, since the advent of shorthand machines,
26 these scribes have been known as court reporters and have

1 played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across
2 our country; and

3 WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners are
4 responsible for the closed captioning seen scrolling across
5 television screens, at sporting stadiums and in other
6 community and educational settings, bringing information to
7 millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans everyday; and

8 WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners translate
9 the spoken word into text and preserve our history; and

10 WHEREAS, whether called the scribes of yesterday or
11 the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals
12 who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of
13 the record; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That February 16-22, 2014, is
16 hereby recognized as "Alabama Court Reporting and Captioning
17 Week."