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3       By Senators Brewbaker, Scofield, Glover, Hightower, Holtzclaw,  
4       Taylor, Dial, Marsh, Ward, Smitherman, Bussman, Figures, Reed,  
5       Singleton and Coleman  
6       RFD:  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR76,

5 URGING THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO GRANT  
6 ACCELERATED APPROVAL FOR THE DRUG ETEPLIRSEN FOR THE TREATMENT  
7 OF DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY.  
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9 WHEREAS, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is the  
10 most fatal genetic disorder diagnosed in childhood, affecting  
11 approximately one in every 3,500 live male births, or 20,000  
12 new cases each year; and

13 WHEREAS, affecting primarily boys, DMD occurs across  
14 all races and cultures and results in progressive loss of  
15 strength and muscle weakness so that those afflicted generally  
16 require the use of a wheelchair by age 12, face serious  
17 medical issues with their hearts and lungs as teenagers, and  
18 typically succumb to the disease in their twenties; and

19 WHEREAS, Congress passed the Food and Drug  
20 Administration Safety and Innovation Act of 2012 (FDASIA),  
21 providing four expedited drug approval pathways and a larger  
22 and faster pipeline for the approval of new medicines to  
23 advance patient care and public health; and

24 WHEREAS, remarkable scientific and clinical data  
25 have been gathered on the successful use of the new drug

1 eteplirsen in the treatment of DMD, and a new drug application  
2 for eteplirsen has been submitted to the FDA; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Food and Drug  
5 Administration is strongly urged to accept and promptly review  
6 the new drug application for eteplirsen using an accelerated  
7 approval pathway under the FDASIA, making eteplirsen available  
8 to more patients while other testing and review of the drug  
9 continue.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
11 resolution be provided to the Commissioner of the Food and  
12 Drug Administration and to each member of the Alabama  
13 Congressional Delegation as evidence of our thoughts in this  
14 matter.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 13-MAR-14

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By: Senator Brewbaker