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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
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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,

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

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

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Patrick Harris
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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