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3 By Senators Bussman, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
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8 RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE
9 ALABAMA DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK.
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11 WHEREAS, in 1998 and almost 20 years ago, Dental
12 Lifeline Network Alabama and the Alabama Dental Association
13 established the Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program; and

14 WHEREAS, through the DDS Program, dentists and
15 dental laboratories donate comprehensive treatment for people
16 with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and
17 who cannot afford dental care; and

18 WHEREAS, two hundred fifty-two dentists and 75
19 dental labs volunteer for the DDS Program, and they have
20 treated over 2,000 people with disabilities or who are elderly
21 or medically fragile with seriously neglected dental problems
22 throughout Alabama since the program's inception; and

23 WHEREAS, the Alabama DDS Program recently surpassed
24 a landmark milestone of supplying \$5 million in donated dental
25 services through the generosity and benevolence of dentists
26 and laboratories throughout the State of Alabama and

1 nationally the DDS Program has provided more than \$350 million
2 in donated dental services nationwide; and

3 WHEREAS, the strength and success of the State of
4 Alabama, the vitality of our communities, and the
5 effectiveness of society depend, in great measure, upon
6 concerned and devoted programs as exemplified by the Alabama
7 Donated Dental Services Program; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate and
10 express our profound gratitude to the Alabama Dental
11 Association, Dental Lifeline Network Alabama and the hundreds
12 of DDS volunteer dentists and dental laboratories who have
13 provided more than \$5 million in donated dental care to these
14 vulnerable people in Alabama who would not otherwise receive
15 comprehensive dental treatment.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
17 resolution be transmitted to Dental Lifeline Network Alabama
18 and the Alabama Dental Association.