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3 By Representative Wood (D)
4 RFD:
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ALS AWARENESS MONTH.

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5 WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), better
6 known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a fatal disease
7 characterized by progressive degeneration of motor neurons in
8 the brain and spinal cord leading to a loss of voluntary
9 muscle control; and

10 WHEREAS, ALS has no known cause, means of
11 prevention, or cure; and

12 WHEREAS, nearly 6,000 Americans are diagnosed with
13 ALS every year, and an estimated 35,000 Americans are
14 afflicted with the disease; and

15 WHEREAS, military veterans are at a greatly
16 increased risk of developing ALS compared to those who have
17 never served in the military; and

18 WHEREAS, ALS eventually causes muscular atrophy and
19 the patient becomes a dysfunctional quadriplegic requiring
20 total and constant care; and

21 WHEREAS, the progression of ALS causes the patient
22 to experience difficulty in swallowing, talking, and
23 breathing; and

24 WHEREAS, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS
25 only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

1 WHEREAS, the advanced stages of ALS can be
2 financially crippling, depleting the resources of patients and
3 families; and

4 WHEREAS, a national ALS patient registry,
5 administered by the Center for Disease Control, is currently
6 identifying cases of ALS in the United States through
7 voluntary reporting; and

8 WHEREAS, the ALS Association, many individuals and
9 organizations across Alabama and the United States are
10 aggressively searching for treatments and a cure for ALS
11 through active research and clinical programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness
13 Month increases the public awareness of ALS patients'
14 circumstances and acknowledges the devastating impact this
15 disease has on the patient, his or her family and the
16 community as a whole, and recognizes the research being done
17 to eradicate this terrible disease; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize May 2019, as
20 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Month in Alabama, and this
21 resolution is offered in highest tribute along with best
22 wishes for success in the noble quest for a cure for Lou
23 Gehrig's Disease.

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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 25-APR-19.

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