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3       By Senators Waggoner, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,  
4       Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,  
5       Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,  
6       Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,  
7       Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton,  
8       Smitherman, Stutts, Whatley and Williams  
9       RFD:  
10      First Read: 04-MAY-21

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2021 AS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY  
AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, as technology continues to progress and new kinds of threats arise around the world, cybersecurity is playing an increasingly central role in our national security and daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on our citizens' security and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial systems, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government

1 agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the  
2 Internet; and

3 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is proud of the steps  
4 we have taken to promote technological innovation and bolster  
5 cybersecurity measures; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is dedicated to  
7 providing our citizens and public and private organizations  
8 with the resources necessary to ensure the understanding,  
9 implementation, and success of National Cybersecurity  
10 Awareness Month and to help ensure that Alabamians stay safe  
11 online and connect with confidence; and

12 WHEREAS, the "Stop. Think. Connect." trademarked  
13 campaign serves the national cybersecurity public awareness  
14 campaign and is implemented through a coalition of private  
15 companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and  
16 academic institutions that work together to increase the  
17 understanding of cyber threats; furthermore, the trademarked  
18 campaign empowers the American public to be safer and more  
19 secure online; and

20 WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a  
21 shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role  
22 to play; awareness of computer security essentials will  
23 improve the security of Alabama's information, infrastructure,  
24 and economy and will help attain a safer, more secure, and  
25 more resilient cyber world; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby recognize October

1 2021 as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month; we urge  
2 Alabama's citizens, companies, and institutions to recognize  
3 the importance of cybersecurity and to observe this month  
4 through events, training, and education that will further our  
5 country's national security and resilience; we commit to  
6 ensuring our nation's cybersecurity, and we raise awareness of  
7 the responsibility that all Americans have to protect their  
8 Internet-connected devices, technology, and networks from  
9 cyber threats at work, home, and school.