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3       By Senators Singleton, McClendon and Waggoner  
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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY ON MAY 12,  
2021.

WHEREAS, students are the future, and by investing  
in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, families deserve to feel confident that  
their children will be cared for when they are at school; and

WHEREAS, all students have a right to have their  
physical and mental health needs safely met while in the  
school setting; and

WHEREAS, students today face more complex and  
life-threatening health problems that require care in school;  
and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the  
essential role that school nurses play in student health and  
academic success; and

WHEREAS, school nurses have served a critical role  
in improving public health and in ensuring students' academic  
success for more than 100 years; and

1           WHEREAS, school nurses address the home and  
2           community factors, such as social determinants, that impact  
3           students' health; and

4           WHEREAS, school nurses act as a liaison to the  
5           school community, families, and health care providers on  
6           behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and  
7           improving health outcomes for our nation's children; and

8           WHEREAS, school nurses support the health and  
9           educational success of children and youth by providing access  
10          to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak;  
11          and

12          WHEREAS, school nurses are members of school-based  
13          teams, namely school health services, 504/IEP, and  
14          disaster/emergency planning, to address the school population;  
15          school nurses understand the link between health and learning  
16          and are in a position to make a positive difference for  
17          children every day; now therefore,

18          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize May 12, 2021, as  
20          National School Nurse Day, and we celebrate and acknowledge  
21          the accomplishments of school nurses everywhere and their  
22          efforts of meeting the needs of today's students by improving  
23          the delivery of health care in our schools; furthermore, we  
24          offer our gratitude for the nation's school nurses, who  
25          contribute to our local communities by helping students stay  
26          healthy in school and ready to learn, and keeping parents and

1 guardians at work, not just on this National School Nurse Day,  
2 but at every opportunity throughout the year.