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3 By Senators Allen, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley, Butler,  
4 Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures,  
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams  
9 RFD:  
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RECOGNIZING MARCH 2022 AS KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS  
MONTH AND MARCH 10, 2022, AS WORLD KIDNEY DAY IN ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase awareness and  
promote research to improve treatment and seek a cure, March  
2022 is recognized as Kidney Disease Awareness Month and March  
10, 2022 as World Kidney Day in Alabama; it is important to  
raise public awareness and understanding of Chronic Kidney  
Disease; it is the progressive, gradual loss of kidney  
function which results in a decrease in the ability of the  
kidneys to work properly; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 37 million adults in  
the United States have Chronic Kidney Disease, and of those,  
approximately 90 percent remain undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, without diagnosis and treatment to slow its  
progression, Chronic Kidney Disease can progress to end-stage  
renal failure, which can be fatal unless the patient receives  
dialysis or a kidney transplant; and

1               WHEREAS, Chronic Kidney Disease is associated with  
2 more severe COVID-19 infections; COVID-19 may cause acute  
3 kidney damage that can lead to dialysis or even death; and

4               WHEREAS, Kidney Disease Awareness Month provides  
5 opportunities for Alabamians to become involved and increase  
6 public awareness and understanding of kidney disease and could  
7 lead to early diagnosis and care for some of the most  
8 vulnerable populations and empower and educate those at risk  
9 on how they can manage their health; now therefore,

10              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That March 2022 is recognized as  
12 Kidney Disease Awareness Month, and March 10, 2022, as World  
13 Kidney Day in Alabama; and this resolution is offered in  
14 highest tribute to those impacted by the disease and we  
15 encourage the cooperation and participation of all Alabama  
16 citizens in the research for effective treatment and a cure.