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4 SJR _____ RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2025 AS THE AMERICAN HEART
5 MONTH.

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7 WHEREAS, more than 350,000 people experience cardiac
8 arrest outside of a hospital each year and about 70 percent
9 of these occur at home; only about one in 10 survive; and
10 more than 23,000 children under the age of 18 experience
11 cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year in the United
12 States and almost 40 percent of these are sports related;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR),
15 especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a
16 person's chance of survival; only about 46 percent of people
17 who experience cardiac arrest receive CPR from people nearby
18 while waiting for emergency responders to arrive; and

19 WHEREAS, there are effective solutions to this
20 problem, including awareness and education to have cardiac
21 emergency response plans in place and CPR education and
22 automated external defibrillator (AED) training and
23 accessibility; and

24 WHEREAS, knowing how to properly perform CPR has
25 encouraged more people to act when faced with a cardiac
emergency and to save more lives from cardiac arrest outside
26 of a hospital; we must increase the number of people who
27 respond to cardiac arrest by calling 911, delivering

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29 high-quality CPR, and using an AED as soon as it is
30 available; and

31 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association has set a
32 goal of doubling the survival of cardiac arrest by 2030 by
33 turning bystanders into lifesavers, so that everyone,
34 everywhere is prepared and empowered to become a vital link
35 in the chain of survival and by being prepared to provide
36 CPR in response to a cardiac emergency; now therefore,

37 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
38 HOUSES THEROF CONCURRING, That in celebration of American
39 Heart Month, we urge every household to join the Nation of
40 Lifesavers and learn to administer CPR.