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3 By Senators Stewart, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell,

4 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,

5 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,

6 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr,

7 Price, Roberts, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman,

8 Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

9 RFD:

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4 SJR___ RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SECOND CHANCE MONTH IN THE STATE
5 OF ALABAMA.
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7 WHEREAS, every human is endowed with dignity and
8 value; and

9 WHEREAS, redemption is core to the American
10 experience and our nation's progress; and

11 WHEREAS, Alabama is a national leader in reentry
12 boasting programs like the Perry County PREP Center, where
13 formerly incarcerated individuals are offered job training,
14 substance use treatment, life skills, and educational
15 opportunities; and

16 WHEREAS, none of the more than 300 graduates of the
17 PREP Center have returned to prison, demonstrating the
18 program's success in preparing individuals for life after
19 incarceration; and

20 WHEREAS, being tough on crime also means being smart
21 on policies that stop the cycles of crime and incarceration,
22 including their effects on generational cycles; and

23 WHEREAS, individuals who have paid their debt to
24 society have earned the opportunity to rebuild their lives
25 and contribute to their communities; and

26 WHEREAS, supporting the reentry and reintegration of
27 formerly incarcerated individuals is in the best interest of
28 every Alabamians as it enhances public safety, strengthens



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29 communities, relieves taxpayer burdens and reunites
30 families; and

31 WHEREAS, every individual has the potential to
32 contribute positively to their communities and strengthen
33 our workforce, when given a second chance; now therefore,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
35 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize April as Second
36 Chance Month in the State of Alabama, and we commend the
37 work of Reentry Alabama and its stakeholders, partners, and
38 dedicated members.

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