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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

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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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