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3 By Senators Coleman, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell,
4 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison,
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,
6 Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,
7 Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

9 RFD:

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4 SJR___ RECOGNIZING JUNE AS CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
5 IN ALABAMA.
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7 WHEREAS, in 2006, President George W. Bush designated
8 the month of June as Caribbean American Heritage Month to
9 raise awareness of the contributions that Caribbean
10 Americans have made to the United States and to celebrate
11 the rich and diverse cultural and historical influence of
12 the island nations, including music, food, and traditions;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Caribbean people have been a part of the
15 history of the United States since its founding as a Nation;
16 Alexander Hamilton, from Nevis and St. Kitts, was a founding
17 father and the first Secretary of the Treasury; Jean
18 Baptiste Point du Sable, from Haiti, was the founder of the
19 City of Chicago; and Jacob de Cordova, a Jewish Jamaican,
20 was instrumental in the founding of Waco, Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, other notable Caribbean people and
22 descendants of Caribbean immigrants include Harry Belafonte,
23 Cicely Tyson, Eric Holder, Sheryl Lee Ralph, General Colin
24 Powell, Shirley Chisolm, Una Clarke, and former Vice
25 President Kamala Harris, all of whom have contributed to the
26 nation in the areas of politics, medicine, entertainment,
27 sports, and many other fields; and

28 WHEREAS, the Central Alabama Caribbean American



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29 Organization, formed in 2011, shares the culture of the
30 Caribbean with the people of Alabama; they also serve as a
31 resource for Caribbean region students who come to Alabama
32 to continue their education; the organization has awarded 21
33 scholarships from a host of universities in the state; and
34 the organization has also received grants from the Alabama
35 State Council on the Arts; now therefore,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
37 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to honor and celebrate the
38 contributions of Caribbean Americans, the month of June is
39 recognized as Caribbean American Heritage Month in the State
40 of Alabama.