

1 HJR290  
2 139148-2  
3 By Representative McClurkin  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 15-MAR-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2012 AS COPD AWARENESS MONTH.  
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5 WHEREAS, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
6 (COPD), also known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the  
7 third leading cause of death in the United States and is the  
8 only one of the top five causes of death whose prevalence and  
9 death rate are rising; and

10 WHEREAS, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is a  
11 chronic and progressive disease that affects over 24 million  
12 individuals in the U.S., half of whom have not been properly  
13 diagnosed; and

14 WHEREAS, a diagnostic test for COPD, known as  
15 spirometry is available for office use, allowing early  
16 diagnosis of COPD yet many patients suffering with COPD are  
17 not diagnosed until they have reached an advanced stage; and

18 WHEREAS, the major risk factor for COPD is smoking;  
19 other risk factors include environmental exposure to air  
20 pollution, industrial irritants and burned biomass fuels; and

21 WHEREAS, COPD can also result from genetic  
22 conditions, such as Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency; and

23 WHEREAS, COPD is considered to be the second leading  
24 cause of disability in the nation; and

1           WHEREAS, the annual cost to the nation in 2010 is  
2           estimated to be \$49.9 billion; and

3           WHEREAS, increased public awareness, early detection  
4           and treatment are crucial in the prevention or slowing the  
5           progression of lung disease and can lead to reduced costs and  
6           better quality of life for our residents; now therefore,

7           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby recognize  
9           November 2012, as COPD Awareness Month throughout the state  
10          and encourage all residents of Alabama to learn more about the  
11          prevention and treatment of COPD.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 20-MAR-12.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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22-MAR-12

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