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3 By Representative Jackson
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8 RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY SEPTEMBER 21,
9 2015.

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11 WHEREAS, the need for a highly literate citizenry
12 increases as Alabama moves toward an increasingly
13 technological future; and

14 WHEREAS, more than 600,000 Alabama adults experience
15 literacy issues that impact severely on their lives and
16 families, their ability to work productively, and their full
17 participation as citizens and residents of our state; and

18 WHEREAS, the Alabama Community College System has
19 served at least 29,379 Adult Education students in our state
20 this fiscal year of which 16,133 were unemployed when
21 enrolled, 8,642 were employed when enrolled, and 4,404 were
22 not in the labor force; and

23 WHEREAS, since 2014, 4,980 GED Certificates were
24 awarded through ACCS in Alabama; and

1 WHEREAS, Adult Education lifts people out of poverty
2 into higher salaries, good job opportunities, higher savings,
3 and better working conditions; and

4 WHEREAS, Adult Education benefits the economy by
5 increased tax revenues, business productivity, consumption,
6 and decreased public assistance; and

7 WHEREAS, adult workplace literacy programs help
8 workers gain new levels of skills as new demands arise; and

9 WHEREAS, a mother's reading skill is the greatest
10 determinant of her children's future academic success; and

11 WHEREAS, teaching parents reading strategies
12 increases their child's language and literacy outcomes; teach
13 the parent - reach the child; and

14 WHEREAS, health literacy programs raise adults'
15 understanding of medical problems before they become critical;
16 now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize September
19 21, 2015, as INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY in Alabama, and urge
20 our fellow citizens to learn more about the importance of
21 literacy and to become involved with literacy in their
22 communities.