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3 By Representative Ward
4 RFD: Rules
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8 RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PET WEEK: MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 8,
9 2010.

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11 WHEREAS, National Pet Week was jointly founded in
12 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and
13 the AVMA Auxiliary to foster responsible pet ownership,
14 recognize the human-animal bond, and increase public awareness
15 of veterinary medicine; and

16 WHEREAS, National Pet Week has become widely
17 celebrated throughout the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, the 2010 theme for National Pet Week is
19 "Pets and People - Healthy Together," promoting the importance
20 of exercise for people and pets; and

21 WHEREAS, 65 per cent of adult Americans are
22 overweight or obese, according to the American Obesity
23 Society; and

24 WHEREAS, 44 per cent of dogs and 57 per cent of cats
25 in the United States are overweight or obese, according to the
26 Association for Pet Obesity Prevention; and

1 WHEREAS, as is the case with human disease, obesity
2 among companion animals can lead to osteoarthritis, Type 2
3 diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and various cancers;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the Alabama House of Representatives
6 recognizes the physical and emotional health benefits that
7 companion animals and their owners provide each other every
8 day; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize May 2-8,
11 2010, as National Pet Week and call upon the community and
12 partner organizations to celebrate with appropriate
13 ceremonies.