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8 RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT
9 LOSS AWARENESS MONTH.

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11 WHEREAS, on October 25, 1988, Congress, by Senate
12 Resolution 314, designated the month of October as National
13 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and authorized and
14 requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance
15 of this month; President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the month of
16 October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month; and

17 WHEREAS, when a child loses his or her parents, he
18 or she is called an orphan; when a spouse loses a partner, he
19 or she is called a widow or widower; but when parents lose a
20 child, there is not a word to describe them; the month of
21 October recognizes the loss many parents experience across the
22 United States and around the world; it is also intended to
23 inform and provide resources for parents who have lost
24 children due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar
25 pregnancy, stillbirths, birth defects, SIDS, and other causes;
26 and

1 WHEREAS, National Pregnancy and Infant Loss
2 Remembrance Day is observed annually in the United States on
3 October 15; it is a day of remembrance for pregnancy loss and
4 infant death; each year this day is observed with remembrance
5 ceremonies and candlelight vigils; and

6 WHEREAS, on October 15, everyone all over the world
7 is asked to light a candle at 7 pm in his or her time zone and
8 keep it lit for one hour to remember all the babies who have
9 been lost and to continue the Wave of Light over the world;
10 now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That this body recognizes October
13 2019 as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.