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3 By Senators Taylor, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Waggoner, Ward,
8 Whatley and Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR117,

5 URGING THE ALABAMA INTERAGENCY AUTISM COORDINATING
6 COUNCIL TO INCLUDE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH
7 NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ITS MISSION.
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9 WHEREAS, the Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating
10 Council was created in 2009 to provide an interagency system
11 of care for individuals with autism spectrum disorder and
12 their families; and

13 WHEREAS, neurodevelopmental disorders are
14 impairments of the growth or development of the brain and
15 central nervous system; Rett Syndrome is a neurodevelopmental
16 disorder of the grey matter of the brain; and

17 WHEREAS, neurodevelopmental disorder, and
18 particularly, Rett Syndrome, share many characteristics and
19 treatments with autism spectrum disorder, are easily confused
20 with autism spectrum disorder, and are frequently misdiagnosed
21 as autism; and

22 WHEREAS, the similarities of these disorders, their
23 causes, research, available resources for care and treatment
24 and long-term planning, and programs of services, place these
25 conditions together at times and at other times competing for

1 resources that could be shared for mutual benefit; now
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That by copy of this resolution,
5 the Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating Council is urged
6 to include assistance to individuals with neurodevelopmental
7 disorders, particularly Rett Syndrome, within the scope of its
8 mission.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Taylor