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3 By Senator Ward
4 RFD: Rules
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4 ENROLLED, SJR39,

5 RECOGNIZING JANUARY 31 AS THE ANNUAL DATE FOR
6 INTERNATIONAL OMPHALOCELE AWARENESS DAY IN ALABAMA AND
7 COMMENDING THE SUPPORT GROUP MOTHERS OF OMPHALOCELES FOR ITS
8 ADVOCACY EFFORTS.

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10 WHEREAS, we have a major responsibility to advocate
11 much needed awareness surrounding the birth defect omphalocele
12 to ensure the greatest quality of life for the children
13 affected by the condition; and

14 WHEREAS, the birth defect omphalocele occurs early
15 in pregnancy when the abdominal wall does not close properly
16 and when some or most of the abdominal organs protrude on the
17 outside of the baby's body through the umbilical cord; it is
18 estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in about one out of
19 every 5,000 pregnancies and that a giant omphalocele occurs in
20 about one out of every 10,000 pregnancies; and

21 WHEREAS, an omphalocele may be isolated or
22 associated with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities;
23 despite the challenges babies born with omphaloceles might
24 face, they typically survive to lead healthy, fulfilling
25 lives; and

1 WHEREAS, by increasing awareness around
2 omphaloceles, families will receive pertinent information that
3 assures them the condition is not a death sentence; imperative
4 facts about omphaloceles also need to be brought to the
5 attention of doctors and medical staff so that termination is
6 not offered as a solution; and

7 WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles (MOO) is a support
8 group that consists of almost 2,000 parents, family members,
9 and survivors worldwide created in an effort to provide hope,
10 support, and information to families with babies diagnosed
11 with omphaloceles and any related abnormalities; now
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize Mothers of
15 Omphaloceles for courageous efforts on behalf of babies
16 diagnosed with omphaloceles and for informing the public and
17 medical personnel that it is a treatable condition, and we
18 also recognize January 31 as the annual date of International
19 Omphalocele Awareness Day in Alabama.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 14-MAR-17

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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