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4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn,  
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Marsh,  
6 McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,  
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8 and Williams  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR51,

5 DECLARING NOVEMBER AS ALABAMA PANCREATIC CANCER  
6 AWARENESS MONTH.

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8 WHEREAS, in 2012, an estimated 43,920 people will be  
9 diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and  
10 37,390 will die from the disease; and

11 WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest  
12 cancers and is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the  
13 United States; and

14 WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present  
15 themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic  
16 prognosis; 74 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within  
17 the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of  
18 pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, of all the racial/ethnic groups in the  
21 United States, African Americans have the highest incidence  
22 rate of pancreatic cancer, between 34 and 70 percent higher  
23 than other groups; and

24 WHEREAS, approximately 600 pancreatic cancer-related  
25 deaths will occur in Alabama in 2012; and

1           WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and  
2 there have been no significant improvements in survival rates  
3 in the last 40 years; and

4           WHEREAS, the Federal Government invests  
5 significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than it  
6 does in any of the other leading cancer killers; pancreatic  
7 cancer research constitutes only approximately two percent of  
8 the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding, a  
9 figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its  
10 mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest  
11 it; and

12           WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the  
13 first and only national patient advocacy organization that  
14 serves the pancreatic cancer community in Alabama and  
15 nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research  
16 funding, patient services, and public awareness and education  
17 related to developing effective treatments and a cure for  
18 pancreatic cancer; and

19           WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and  
20 its affiliates in Alabama support those patients currently  
21 battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost  
22 their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less  
23 than a cure; and

24           WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the  
25 residents of Alabama are enhanced as a direct result of

1 increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into  
2 early detection, causes, and effective treatments; now  
3 therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and  
6 declare the month of November 2012 as "Pancreatic Cancer  
7 Awareness Month."

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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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

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Keahey