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3 By Senators Smitherman, Barron, Beason, Bedford, Benefield,
4 Bishop, Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn, Erwin,
5 Figures, French, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little
6 (Z), Marsh, Means, Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman,
7 Poole, Preuitt, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, and
8 Waggoner
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8 RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE PICNIC ON APRIL
9 17, 2010, AND NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH DURING APRIL.

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11 WHEREAS, we are honored to recognize the Celebration
12 of Life Picnic scheduled April 17, 2010, as a highlight of
13 National Donate Life Month in April, hosted by The University
14 of Alabama at Birmingham and the Alabama Organ Center; and

15 WHEREAS, the Alabama Organ Center and The University
16 of Alabama at Birmingham Transplant Program physicians,
17 nurses, coordinators, and staff will host several hundred
18 people to focus attention on the importance of organ donation;
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20 WHEREAS, April is National Donate Life Month,
21 seeking to spotlight the need for more families to be aware of
22 the critical, ongoing need for organ donation; and

23 WHEREAS, more than 5,000 organ transplant recipients
24 consider The University of Alabama at Birmingham as their
25 transplant center; and

1 WHEREAS, more than 3,000 people in Alabama are
2 waiting for a lifesaving organ -- the true gift of life -- and
3 nationally more than 100,000 people are in need of organ
4 transplantation; and

5 WHEREAS, one donor can save dozens of lives; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of the Alabama Organ Center is
7 to provide families an opportunity to donate organs and
8 tissues, to support these families regardless of their
9 decision, and to promote equitable use of these gifts to
10 others by research, facilitating the donor process,
11 coordinating the recovery of organs and tissues for
12 transplantation, and promoting interest in the organ and
13 tissue donor program; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF
15 ALABAMA, That the Celebration of Life Picnic on April 17,
16 2010, is recognized, along with the entire month of April as
17 National Donate Life Month, and by copy of this resolution for
18 appropriate presentation and display, we convey highest
19 tribute to those who support this worthy cause that continues
20 to save countless lives in our great State and beyond.