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3 By Senator Ward  
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RECOGNIZING MARCH 2020 AS AMYLOIDOSIS AWARENESS  
MONTH.

WHEREAS, Amyloidosis, a rare disease of which there are several types, one of which is similar to a blood cancer and another that is commonly inherited; this combination of all types of amyloidosis affections approximately 10,000 people in the United States, 500 of whom live in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, an abnormal protein either produced in the bone marrow or liver travels through the blood stream, depositing as amyloid in various organs, primarily the heart, nervous system, intestines, and kidneys, causing the organs to fail over time; and

WHEREAS, the medial length of survival for an amyloidosis patient who does not receive treatment is less than three years; many patients go undiagnosed every year, and special initiatives, such as this resolution can raise public awareness and save lives; and

WHEREAS, there have been advances in the treatment of amyloidosis that have extended life expectancy, but

1 currently there are no drugs approved for the destruction of  
2 amyloids; and

3 WHEREAS, the early diagnosis of amyloidosis in  
4 conjunction with prompt treatments not only improves the  
5 quality of life, but extends life expectancy; and

6 WHEREAS, there are no amyloidosis treatment centers  
7 in Alabama that specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of  
8 amyloidosis patients; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we join with the many special  
11 organizations, healthcare professionals and facilities across  
12 the country as they commemorate the month of March as  
13 Amyloidosis Awareness Month.