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4 Allen, Sanford, Holtzclaw, Glover, Brewbaker, Waggoner,
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8 EXPRESSING THE INTENTION OF THE LEGISLATURE NOT TO
9 EXPAND MEDICAID SERVICES IN ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, the federal government authorized the
12 expansion of Medicaid services as a provision of the federally
13 mandated Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

14 WHEREAS, the expansion of Medicaid, as provided for
15 in the Affordable Care Act, or through waivers, would cause
16 future bodies of the Alabama Legislature and the taxpayers of
17 Alabama to share the cost for many years; and

18 WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion would dramatically
19 increase the number of Alabamians dependent upon public
20 assistance; and

21 WHEREAS, the state should pursue reforms based on
22 reducing Medicaid dependence, rather than increasing
23 dependence; and

24 WHEREAS, the federal government has rejected all
25 state-proposed work requirements tied to Medicaid eligibility
26 under expansion through waivers; and

1 WHEREAS, expansion of Medicaid would further strain
2 the state General Fund, where Medicaid is already the largest
3 line-item; and

4 WHEREAS, the Legislature intends to build upon the
5 reforms of 2012 and continue to work toward repairing the
6 problems within the existing system and ensuring that the most
7 vulnerable citizens of Alabama have access to quality health
8 care; and

9 WHEREAS, the Legislature has no intention of
10 allocating funds to support Medicaid expansion; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we express our intention that
13 the State of Alabama not expand Medicaid above its current
14 eligibility levels.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
16 resolution be delivered to Governor Robert Bentley and the
17 members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.