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URGING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA TO "FIST BUMP" RATHER THAN SHAKE HANDS.

WHEREAS, On December 31 of 2019, China alerted the World Health Organization as to several cases of an "unusual pneumonia" in Wuhan, a port city in the central Hubei province; by January 7 of 2020, officials announced that they had identified a new virus, named 2019-nCoV and now known worldwide as the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus has now spread to over 85 countries across six continents; in the United States, there are at least 160 patients in 17 states, with at least 11 reported fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Coronaviruses are spread through being in proximity to an infected person or a "carrier," a person who has come into contact with an infected person; the likelihood of transmission is highest when inhaling droplets coughed or sneezed by an infected person or when coming into direct physical contact with an infected person or carrier, such as during a handshake; now therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body hereby urges all individuals in the State of Alabama to "fist bump" rather than shake hands, for the duration of the Coronavirus health crisis.
President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Figures