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3 By Representative Ball  
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8 SUPPORTING THE CELEBRATION OF ALABAMA'S  
9 BICENTENNIAL.

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11 WHEREAS, Alabama became our nation's twenty-second  
12 state on the monumental day of December 14, 1819, and we deem  
13 it appropriate and fitting that the State of Alabama celebrate  
14 and memorialize this significant date and bicentennial  
15 milestone; and

16 WHEREAS, the Alabama Bicentennial Commission has  
17 been diligently working to prepare and implement a three-year  
18 celebration of the places, people, and stories representative  
19 of Alabama's prominent history; and

20 WHEREAS, the kick-off of the three-year celebration  
21 of Alabama's Bicentennial will be held on March 3, 2017; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2017 we will celebrate the year of  
23 exploring our places; from the Shoals to the shores, and  
24 everywhere in between, Alabama is a land of beauty and  
25 diversity; it includes mountains, beaches, prairies, forests,  
26 and wetlands, and a crisscrossing of rivers and lakes; but it  
27 is also the site of battlegrounds and front lines, historic

1 sites and monuments, and the home of small communities and  
2 sprawling cities; in 2017, we will explore the places that  
3 have shaped our past and promote the parks, museums, towns,  
4 and historic sites that represent who we are; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2018 we will honor our people; whether  
6 they lived here for centuries or came from far away,  
7 Alabamians made this state their home, and their stories  
8 reflect some of the most significant moments in both national  
9 and world history; Alabamians are not only military heroes,  
10 artists, and international icons, but also farmers, teachers,  
11 ministers, and unsung hometown heroes who live in communities  
12 across the state; 2018 will be the year to raise them up and  
13 bring them home; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2019 we will celebrate the year of  
15 sharing our stories; the bicentennial is the perfect time for  
16 Alabamians to discover, preserve, and share their history; it  
17 is also a great time to remember why we love our communities  
18 and are proud of our people; it is time to make new stories;  
19 we have a lot to tell; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby offer our support  
22 for the celebration of Alabama's Bicentennial and the work of  
23 the Alabama 200 Bicentennial Commission and encourage all  
24 Alabamians to proudly recognize and celebrate our state's  
25 Bicentennial Anniversary and reflect upon our multifaceted  
26 culture and riveting narrative.