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3 By Representative Ball
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 SUPPORTING THE CELEBRATION OF ALABAMA'S
4 BICENTENNIAL.

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

11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Bicentennial Commission has
12 been diligently working to prepare and implement a three-year
13 celebration of the places, people, and stories representative
14 of Alabama's prominent history; and

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

17 WHEREAS, in 2017 we will celebrate the year of
18 exploring our places; from the Shoals to the shores, and
19 everywhere in between, Alabama is a land of beauty and
20 diversity; it includes mountains, beaches, prairies, forests,
21 and wetlands, and a crisscrossing of rivers and lakes; but it
22 is also the site of battlegrounds and front lines, historic
23 sites and monuments, and the home of small communities and
24 sprawling cities; in 2017, we will explore the places that

1 have shaped our past and promote the parks, museums, towns,
2 and historic sites that represent who we are; and

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

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

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

