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8 URGING THE GOVERNOR TO REVIVE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
9 OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Small Business
12 Development was created by Governor Robert Bentley to advise
13 him on policy, communications, and resources for small
14 business in Alabama; at the present time, the office does not
15 appear to be operational at the intended level; and

16 WHEREAS, this office would be a valuable resource in
17 providing proposals and potential measures that help
18 streamline and consolidate the efforts of various governmental
19 agencies and entities that are currently assisting small
20 businesses in becoming operational and successful; and

21 WHEREAS, the revitalized focus and functionality of
22 the office would serve as catalyst to enhance communication of
23 information and resources designed to promote the formation,
24 operation, and growth of small businesses throughout the
25 state; and

26 WHEREAS, any person or group desiring to form a
27 small business should be afforded access to the resources of

1 this office, including strategic information, direction, and
2 assistance; and

3 WHEREAS, the citizens of Alabama, as well as the
4 economy of this great state, would be greatly served by a
5 fully functioning Office of Small Business Development; now
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Governor Robert Bentley is
9 respectfully urged to revive the Governor's Office of Small
10 Business Development to effectively and efficiently serve the
11 citizens of Alabama at the intended level, and that a copy of
12 this resolution be presented to the Governor so that our
13 sincere and continuing interest in this matter is known.