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3 By Representative Drummond  
4 RFD: Rules  
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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED AEROSPACE  
MANUFACTURING GROWTH IN ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, the aerospace manufacturing sector in the United States and the State of Alabama is creating significant employment opportunities, business growth, and manufacturing excellence, and is critical to the nation's military and economic security; and

WHEREAS, the expanding industrial operations of Airbus, located at the Brookley Industrial Complex in Mobile County, Alabama, which directly employs over 1,250 engineers and production technicians, is essential to the continued growth of the aerospace manufacturing sector in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Airbus has been a vital member of our State's business community for more than 15 years, with three major facilities in the State; and

WHEREAS, the \$600 million Airbus A320 United States manufacturing facility in Mobile County, which opened in 2015,

1 has delivered over 164 Alabama-made aircraft to United States  
2 airline customers to date; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2019, Airbus broke ground on a \$300  
4 million A220 United States manufacturing facility in Mobile  
5 County that will assemble the newest Airbus aircraft, the  
6 A220, for United States airline customers, with deliveries to  
7 begin in 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2020, Airbus announced a further \$40  
9 million investment in new facilities needed to increase  
10 production to seven A320 aircraft per month by 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, Airbus continues to expand its  
12 manufacturing employment footprint to South Alabama by  
13 recently announcing a further 275 jobs to be added over the  
14 next year coupled with the hiring of more than 600 production  
15 technicians in 2019, which more than doubled the number of its  
16 employees in one year; and

17 WHEREAS, Airbus supports over 275,000 American jobs  
18 by spending approximately \$15 billion annually with hundreds  
19 of United States suppliers, including many in Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, proposed tariffs on imported aircraft  
21 components and assemblies from Europe place at risk this  
22 significant industrial and employment growth in the City of  
23 Mobile, Mobile County, and South Alabama as well as Airbus'  
24 suppliers across the state; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature of the State  
27 of Alabama does hereby fully support the continued

1 manufacturing operations of Airbus at the Brookley Industrial  
2 Complex in Mobile County, Alabama, and does hereby urge the  
3 President of the United States and the United States Trade  
4 Representative to continue the current trade policy of not  
5 applying tariffs on imported aerospace components and  
6 assemblies from Europe, and thereby ensure the continued  
7 growth of aerospace manufacturing in Alabama.