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2 116029-2  
3 By Representative Guin  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 12-JAN-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
4 ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO SPEND  
5 ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE ALABAMA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE  
6 PROGRAM.

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8 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Economic and  
9 Community Affairs (ADECA) administers the Alabama  
10 Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), a federally funded  
11 program that provides much needed home weatherization upgrades  
12 to low-income households throughout the state through ADECA  
13 agreements with local community action agencies; and

14 WHEREAS, WAP's mission is to generate significant  
15 savings in energy costs for low-income households,  
16 particularly those having elderly persons, disabled persons,  
17 and families with children; and

18 WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act  
19 of 2009 (the Recovery Act) authorized approximately  
20 \$71,800,000 in funding for Alabama's WAP, of which the first  
21 approximately \$35,900,000 of funding is available to ADECA for  
22 weatherization projects; and

23 WHEREAS, because of the time involved in determining  
24 households that are eligible for WAP assistance, and because  
25 the Recovery Act requires a training program for

1 weatherization contractors, only about \$3,200,000 of Recovery  
2 Act funds have been spent on home weatherization; and

3 WHEREAS, thousands of low-income households are  
4 struggling with extremely high energy bills as we are  
5 experiencing one of the coldest winters in recent memory; now  
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That by copy of this resolution we  
9 urge the Governor and the Director of ADECA to increase the  
10 participation in WAP projects and spend all available funding  
11 for weatherization upgrades for the thousands of households in  
12 greatest need in this state.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 14-JAN-10.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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