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8 URGING THE TUSCALOOSA COUNTY COMMISSION, THE
9 TUSCALOOSA CITY COUNCIL, AND THE NORTHPORT CITY COUNCIL TO
10 WORK TOGETHER TO DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO PURSUE THE PURCHASE
11 OF THE BLACK WARRIOR RIVER TOLL BRIDGE.

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13 WHEREAS, the Black Warrior River toll bridge on
14 Black Warrior Parkway in Tuscaloosa County is currently
15 privately owned; however, there is growing interest for the
16 local governments to acquire the bridge; and

17 WHEREAS, if purchased by the local governments, the
18 current toll rate would stay intact until the purchase price
19 of the toll bridge is paid, and then the collection of the
20 toll would cease; and

21 WHEREAS, even though the toll bridge is located in
22 Tuscaloosa County, the cost of traveling across the bridge
23 affects the citizens of both the county and the cities of
24 Tuscaloosa and Northport and other counties to the west and
25 north; and

26 WHEREAS, the long term effect of the county owning
27 the toll bridge would encourage economic development; everyone

1 living in the county and the cities of Tuscaloosa and
2 Northport should have the opportunity to use the bridge
3 because their tax dollars funded the construction of a large
4 interchange near the bridge and now the citizens have to pay
5 more money to access the interchange due to the fee at the
6 toll bridge; and

7 WHEREAS, the Tuscaloosa County Commission, the
8 Tuscaloosa City Council, and the Northport City Council are
9 encouraged to work together to do a feasibility study and to
10 make recommendations on how to fund the purchase of the bridge
11 and to determine the economic impact on the community of the
12 county owning the bridge; and

13 WHEREAS, the Tuscaloosa County Commission, the
14 Tuscaloosa City Council, and the Northport City Council are
15 encouraged to support this effort and those governing bodies
16 are encouraged to make all efforts and pursue all avenues
17 necessary to achieve the purchase of the toll bridge; now
18 therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we respectfully urge the
21 Tuscaloosa County Commission, the Tuscaloosa City Council, and
22 the Northport City Council to work together to do a
23 feasibility study to pursue the purchase of the Black Warrior
24 River toll bridge.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
26 resolution be provided to the Tuscaloosa County Commission,
27 the Tuscaloosa City Council, and the Northport City Council.

