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3 By Representative Johnson (R)
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8 RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AUTHORITY
9 ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, in 1981, the Alabama Municipal Electric
12 Authority (AMEA) Enabling Legislation was passed by the
13 Alabama Legislature, and Governor Fob James signed this
14 legislation allowing Alabama municipal electric utilities to
15 form AMEA as a public corporation to provide dependable,
16 economical electric power and other services for its 11 member
17 cities of Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley, LaFayette,
18 Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga, and Tuskegee;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, AMEA's leaders saw the establishment of the
21 joint action agency as a means to build economies of scale in
22 collective wholesale electricity activities and to effectively
23 accomplish more together than was possible separately; and

24 WHEREAS, because of their vision and perseverance,
25 AMEA has become a valued partner in Alabama's electric utility
26 community and, because of that vision, members are committed
27 more than ever to joint action as they are benefiting from

1 AMEA's power supply initiatives, resources, competitive rates,
2 and selected value-added programs and services; and

3 WHEREAS, over the past 30 years, AMEA has been a
4 low-cost power supplier for its members and has also provided
5 value-added services, including distribution support services,
6 regulatory compliance and territorial support, and economic
7 development support programs, among many others; and

8 WHEREAS, AMEA's 30-year history has also proved that
9 the organization is an innovator in exploring electric
10 generation options to improve generation costs through such
11 initiatives as the Alabama Direct FuelCell Demonstration
12 Project and the AMEA-Sylacauga Plant, as well as renewable
13 hydropower projects; and

14 WHEREAS, AMEA is committed to a balanced power
15 supply program that promotes harmony with the environment at
16 the lowest cost to its member cities and the citizens they
17 serve; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the
20 Alabama Municipal Electric Authority on its 30 years of
21 service to its members, and we wish the organization much
22 success in helping its members meet the growing energy needs
23 of their customers today and for future generations to come.