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HR_____ COMMENDING THE PETROLEUM & CONVENIENCE MARKETERS OF ALABAMA ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, the Petroleum & Convenience Marketers of Alabama is celebrating its 75th Anniversary, and it is appropriate at this time to highlight its history of achievements and to underscore the positive impact that it has made on the communities that it serves; and

WHEREAS, formerly the Alabama Oilmen's Association and the Alabama Association of Convenience Stores, the association changed its name in January 2002 to more succinctly describe its core membership after a number of mergers of various organizations representing the petroleum marketing and convenience store industries; and

WHEREAS, The Alabama Oilmen's Association (AOA), incorporated in 1984, was the product of a merger of two well-established jobber organizations, the Alabama Petroleum Marketers Association, which was formed in 1949, and the Independent Oilmen's Association of Alabama, formed in 1966; the Alabama Association of Convenience Stores was formed in 1979 and merged with AOA in September 1991; and

WHEREAS, the association's stated purpose is to preserve the private enterprise risk-reward system; to ensure a favorable competitive climate in the wholesale and retail distribution of petroleum products; and to support



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29 the growth of the distribution system in Alabama through
30 retail gasoline outlets and convenience stores; all to the
31 end of better serving the citizens of Alabama; their mission
32 is to serve its member companies by promoting a favorable
33 business environment through advocacy, education, and
34 services; and

35 WHEREAS, economic growth and development cannot occur
36 in Alabama without the products and services provided by the
37 members of the association through their retail and
38 wholesale businesses; and

39 WHEREAS, the petroleum and convenience store industry
40 in Alabama includes more than 3,600 retail locations,
41 employs more than 59,200 Alabamians, handles more than 3.7
42 million transactions daily, sells more than 4 billion
43 gallons of motor fuel annually, and collects more than \$3.9
44 million in taxes per year on behalf of governmental
45 entities; and

46 WHEREAS, since its founding, the Petroleum &
47 Convenience Marketers of Alabama has maintained a tradition
48 of high-quality professionalism while displaying excellence
49 in civic leadership and has been a source of great pride to
50 the people of the State of Alabama; now therefore,

51 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
52 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Petroleum & Convenience
53 Marketers of Alabama is commended on the celebration of its
54 75th Anniversary and applauded for the community service
55 that its employees have contributed to the State of Alabama.