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3 By Senators Sanford, Orr, Holtzclaw, Livingston and Scofield
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 09-JAN-18

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4 ENROLLED, SJR10,

5 JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HUNTSVILLE
6 AS THE FOUNDING CAPITAL OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, incorporated in the fertile Tennessee
9 Valley on December 9, 1811, Huntsville quickly became the
10 largest settlement in north Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1818, Alabama's territorial Legislature,
12 meeting in St. Stephens, chose Huntsville as the temporary
13 location of the state capital, until such time as new
14 facilities were completed in Cahawba; and

15 WHEREAS, on March 2, 1819, the Congress of the
16 United States passed an enabling act authorizing the citizens
17 of the Alabama Territory to elect delegates to meet in
18 Huntsville on July 5, 1819, to draft a constitution and form a
19 state government; and

20 WHEREAS, adopted on August 2, 1819, Alabama's first
21 constitution provided for separation of powers akin to those
22 in the Federal Constitution, set a timetable for the
23 transition to statehood, and established, for the era, a
24 liberal provision for universal white male suffrage; and

1 WHEREAS, in the fall of 1819, state legislators and
2 William Wyatt Bibb, the first Governor of the State of
3 Alabama, were elected and seated in Huntsville; and

4 WHEREAS, the Legislature adjourned its session on
5 December 17, 1819, unaware that President James Monroe, who
6 had visited Huntsville earlier that year, had signed the act
7 admitting Alabama as the nation's twenty-second state three
8 days earlier, on December 14, 1819; and

9 WHEREAS, since 1819, Huntsville has continued its
10 astounding growth and rich cultural history and is a world
11 leader in genomic and space exploration technology; and

12 WHEREAS, Alabama is currently engaged in a
13 commemoration of the Bicentennial Statehood, a three-year
14 celebration of the people, places, and events that form our
15 rich history; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby recognize
18 Huntsville as the founding capital of the State of Alabama.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 11-JAN-18
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 16-JAN-18

By: Senator Sanford