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3 By Senator Dial  
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8 EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE JUNE 14, 2012, OIL AND  
9 GAS LEASING ON ALABAMA'S NATIONAL FORESTS BY THE UNITED STATES  
10 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, Alabama national forest land is an  
13 important source of drinking water supplies, fish and wildlife  
14 habitats, hunting and fishing, and other outdoor recreation  
15 that contribute to the local economies in the state and the  
16 quality of life for Alabamians; and

17 WHEREAS, on June 14, 2012, the United States Bureau  
18 of Land Management is scheduled to offer over 43,000 acres of  
19 Alabama national forest land for lease for oil and gas  
20 development; and

21 WHEREAS, much of the land to be leased is underlain  
22 by shale geological formations, a potential source for natural  
23 gas that is to be extracted by a drilling process known as  
24 horizontal hydraulic fracturing; and

25 WHEREAS, some of the national forest land to be  
26 leased for drilling is located near a potential water supply  
27 source for the City of Anniston, other municipalities, and

1 users including, but not limited to, Fort McClellan, the  
2 Anniston Army Depot, parts of the City of Oxford, Blue  
3 Mountain, the City of Jacksonville, the Calhoun County Water  
4 and Fire Protection Authority, Hobson City, and the City of  
5 Weaver; and

6 WHEREAS, some of the national forest land to be  
7 leased for drilling contains popular recreation areas, trails,  
8 and streams used for swimming and fishing; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby oppose the sale of  
11 oil and gas leases to parcels of Alabama national forest land  
12 on June 14, 2012, by the United States Bureau of Land  
13 Management.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the United  
15 States Bureau of Land Management to act to protect drinking  
16 water resources and other important forest, water, and  
17 economic resources by removing all parcels located in Alabama  
18 national forests from the June 14, 2012, lease sale.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
20 resolution be provided to each member of the Alabama  
21 Congressional Delegation.