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3 By Senators Smitherman, Waggoner, Albritton, Allen, Beasley,  
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison,  
5 Dial, Dunn, Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw,  
6 Livingston, Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed,  
7 Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith,  
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8 RECOGNIZING SOUTHERN RESEARCH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS  
9 75TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
12 recognize the invaluable contributions to the betterment of  
13 mankind made by the scientists and engineers of Southern  
14 Research since its founding in 1941; and

15 WHEREAS, Southern Research, headquartered in  
16 Birmingham, Alabama, has served as a driver of economic  
17 development for the State of Alabama since its inception in a  
18 number of highly technical fields of discipline; and

19 WHEREAS, whether it is drug discovery, drug  
20 development, engineering, energy, and environment, or medical  
21 devices, the men and women of Southern Research are making  
22 contributions every day to help make the world a better place  
23 in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, this 501(c)(3) nonprofit research and  
25 development organization has discovered seven FDA-approved  
26 anticancer drugs, a record rivaling any nonprofit research  
27 organization in the world; and

1           WHEREAS, in addition to cancer, the scientists of  
2           Southern Research are actively pursuing new drug therapies in  
3           Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Tuberculosis, Kidney Disease, and  
4           Diabetes, in addition to other areas, and are proud partners  
5           in the Alabama Drug Discovery Alliance; and

6           WHEREAS, the organization's drug development  
7           division has a notable record of achievement in the fields of  
8           infectious diseases and vaccine development, to include work  
9           in HIV/AIDS and mosquito borne viruses, and has been leading  
10          the way in our state to help combat Zika; and

11          WHEREAS, Southern Research engineers are developing  
12          technologies to help the Department of Defense, NASA, the  
13          intelligence community, and commercial companies solve some of  
14          the most challenging problems in the fields of mechanics,  
15          materials, and systems development, including work on Prompt  
16          Global Strike and an aerial imaging system utilized by NASA to  
17          capture full motion high definition video of rocket launches  
18          from greater than 25 miles away; and

19          WHEREAS, the men and women of its energy and  
20          environment division continue to be focused on producing  
21          cleaner energy, providing clean water, developing new sources  
22          of energy, including energy storage, and driving innovation  
23          that enhances and promotes our state in a multitude of ways  
24          such as the Southeastern Solar Research Center and Gen IV  
25          Nuclear research; and

26          WHEREAS, Southern Research continues to do its part  
27          to help with job and industry recruitment in Alabama through

1 not only its own successes, but in partnership with a number  
2 of economic development entities throughout the state; now  
3 therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to commend  
6 the significant achievements and meritorious efforts of  
7 Southern Research, and by copy of this resolution, we extend  
8 our congratulations on 75 years of accomplishment and best  
9 wishes for another 75 years of scientific and engineering  
10 excellence.