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8 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S RECORD 2019 EXPORTS SALES AND  
9 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT  
10 PROFESSIONALS, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALABAMA BUSINESSES THAT  
11 EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS WORLDWIDE.

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13 WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to  
14 be one of the state's most powerful economic engines and job  
15 creators; and

16 WHEREAS, demonstrating an abiding dedication to  
17 productivity and growth, exports of goods and services from  
18 Alabama were shipped to 194 countries and totaled \$20.7  
19 billion in 2019; and

20 WHEREAS, the state ranked 24th in the nation for  
21 dollar value of exports in 2019; and

22 WHEREAS, Alabama provides a variety of products  
23 worldwide, such as: Vehicles, transportation equipment,  
24 agricultural products, chemicals, minerals, iron, steel,  
25 machinery, and paper products; and

1           WHEREAS, Alabama's largest export category is  
2           transportation equipment, rising 2.5 percent and totalling  
3           \$10.3 billion; and

4           WHEREAS, Alabama is ranked as the nation's fourth  
5           largest auto-exporting state in 2019; and

6           WHEREAS, exports of Alabama-made aerospace products  
7           continue to surge, rising to \$2.5 billion, an increase of  
8           nearly five percent from 2018; and

9           WHEREAS, Alabama exports are much sought after by  
10          international consumers and Alabama-produced products are  
11          second to none in quality and excellence; and

12          WHEREAS, the international trade sector signifies  
13          the importance of exporting as a key factor in Alabama's  
14          economy; and it enhances the quality of life for all  
15          Alabamians, contributes to the state's prosperity, and creates  
16          and sustains tens of thousands of high paying jobs; and

17          WHEREAS, we commend Alabama's professional trade  
18          community, the Alabama Department of Commerce, the Alabama  
19          Department of Agriculture and Industries, the Port of Mobile,  
20          Export Alabama Alliance, trade organizations, trade research  
21          groups, manufacturing and transportation sectors, agriculture,  
22          small businesses, and the hard-working men and women who are  
23          the backbone of Alabama's export industry; now therefore,

24          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade enhances  
26          the quality of life for all Alabamians and contributes to the  
27          state's economy and prosperity; we congratulate all those who

1        contributed to Alabama's sustained exports performance in  
2        2019; and we encourage the continued growth of Alabama's  
3        exports to the global marketplace.