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3 By Senators Waggoner, Roberts, Jones and Sessions
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5 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S RECORD 2019 EXPORTS SALES AND
6 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT
7 PROFESSIONALS, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALABAMA BUSINESSES THAT
8 EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS WORLDWIDE.

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10 WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to
11 be one of the state's most powerful economic engines and job
12 creators; and

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Alabama's largest export category is
24 transportation equipment, rising 2.5 percent and totalling
25 \$10.3 billion; and

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

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

6 WHEREAS, Alabama exports are much sought after by
7 international consumers and Alabama-produced products are
8 second to none in quality and excellence; and

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

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

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade enhances
23 the quality of life for all Alabamians and contributes to the
24 state's economy and prosperity; we congratulate all those who
25 contributed to Alabama's sustained exports performance in

1 2019; and we encourage the continued growth of Alabama's
2 exports to the global marketplace.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Waggoner