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3 By Senator Waggoner
4 RFD: RULES
5 First Read: 28-Feb-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 SJR___ COMMENDING ALABAMA'S 2023 RECORD EXPORT SALES AND
4 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT
5 PROFESSIONALS, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALABAMA BUSINESSES
6 THAT EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS.

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8 WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to
9 be one of the state's most powerful economic engines,
10 setting a new record of \$27.4 billion in 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, despite the challenges of uncertain global
12 trade issues, Alabama has maintained and strengthened its
13 reputation as a reliable, world class exporter of the finest
14 goods and services, underscoring the resilience of Alabama's
15 economy; and

16 WHEREAS, to meet international consumer demands,
17 Alabama exports of goods and services from Alabama were
18 shipped to 190 countries; and

19 WHEREAS, Alabama exports 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 number one export category is
24 transportation equipment at \$14.8 billion; and

25 WHEREAS, other aerospace products and parts have
26 increased in sales to \$2.1 billion, a rise of 23 percent
27 from 2022; and

28 WHEREAS, there is a worldwide demand for quality



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29 goods and services; Alabama exports are much sought after by
30 international consumers; and Alabama-based products are
31 second to none in quality; and

32 WHEREAS, Alabama's business community, long known for
33 its resilience and ability to innovate during recent
34 unprecedented times, will promise long-term growth in 2024;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, we recognize the dedication and
37 professionalism of Alabama's trade and export professionals,
38 including, the Alabama Department of Commerce, the Alabama
39 Department of Agriculture and Industries, the Port of
40 Mobile, Export Alabama Alliance, trade organizations, and
41 trade research groups; Alabama's manufacturing and
42 transportation sectors, agriculture, and small businesses
43 that export their products worldwide; and the hard working
44 men and women who are the backbone of Alabama's export and
45 trade sector; now therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
47 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade
48 contributes significantly to the state's economy and
49 sustains thousands of high paying jobs; we congratulate all
50 of those who have contributed to Alabama's record 2023
51 export performance, and we encourage the continued growth of
52 Alabama's "Made in Alabama" brand of exports to the global
53 marketplace.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 19-Mar-24

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 02-Apr-24

By: Senator Waggoner