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3 By Senators Smitherman, Waggoner, Roberts, Shelnuttt and
4 Coleman-Madison
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4 ENROLLED, SJR38,

5 COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
6 FOR BEING NAMED 2021 FORBES BEST EMPLOYER.

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8 WHEREAS, highest congratulations are herein proudly
9 presented to the University of Alabama at Birmingham for its
10 many outstanding achievements; and

11 WHEREAS, the University of Alabama at Birmingham has
12 been named America's Number One Best Large Employer 2021 by
13 Forbes Magazine, topping the list of more than 500 public and
14 private corporations, hospitals, universities, Fortune 500
15 companies and more, across dozens of industries; Alabama's
16 largest employer and home to one of the region's largest
17 academic medical centers, UAB employs more than 23,000 people
18 across its university and hospital entities, has more than
19 22,000 enrolled students, and has an economic impact on the
20 state exceeding seven billion dollars; and

21 WHEREAS, UAB boasts many nationally ranked programs,
22 with 16 graduate and professional programs in the schools of
23 Health Professions, Nursing, Medicine, Engineering, Education,
24 Business, Public Health and the College of Arts and Sciences
25 all ranked in the 2020 U.S. News Best Graduate School

1 Rankings; the Master's degree in Health Administration
2 received the Number One ranking as the best in the country; it
3 is among the 20 largest hospitals in America; it is the only
4 American College of Surgeons Verified Adult Level One Trauma
5 Center in Alabama; eight of UAB's medical specialties have
6 been named in the nation's top 50 programs of their kind;
7 seven of those in the top 30, two noted as high performing;
8 UAB has the only National Cancer Institute designated
9 comprehensive cancer center in Alabama and its five state
10 region; and

11 WHEREAS, this honor in 2021 is even more special
12 knowing how the employees truly overcame the challenges amid
13 the Covid-19 pandemic, caring for our community and state, and
14 providing lifesaving care to become a leader in federal
15 research funding, ranking 20th in the nation in National
16 Institutes of Health funding to climb 11 places on the
17 National Institutes of Health rankings; only seven other
18 academic medical centers in the United States achieved this in
19 the same time frame, placing UAB among an elite group of eight
20 academic medical centers; and

21 WHEREAS, expert guidance and leadership was provided
22 by The University of Alabama System's Board of Trustees,
23 Chancellor Finis E. St. John IV, and UAB President Ray L.
24 Watts who attributes this honor to the employees, who pivoted
25 research priorities to fight the Covid-19 pandemic while

1 advancing academic entities in a hybrid learning approach; who
2 work with dedication to their vital mission everyday, helping
3 UAB to be a phenomenal place to work and to create new
4 knowledge to solve critical worldwide health issues; now
5 therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the University of Alabama at
8 Birmingham is highly congratulated and commended for its
9 achievements and we hereby dedicate this resolution in
10 heartiest admiration, along with best wishes for continued
11 success in all future endeavors.

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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
Adopted: 25-FEB-21

By: Senator Smitherman