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RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S TECHNOLOGY AND GROWING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE JOB SECTORS' IMPACT ON THE STATE'S ECONOMY.

WHEREAS, with great pride and pleasure, we recognize Alabama's technology industry and artificial intelligence job sectors' impact on the state's workforce and economy; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Alabama's technology industry and AI is to provide American workers with great benefits while improving safety and increasing productivity; and

WHEREAS, the resources that are invested into Alabama's technology industry and AI are critical to creating the industries of the future, including autonomous cars, industrial robots, and algorithms for disease diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the nation's global leadership in Alabama helps insure that technology is developed in a manner that is consistent with the nation's values, policies, and priorities; it is important to have skilled workers and businesses in Alabama that are capable of leading the country's development; and
WHEREAS, as rapid technological innovations take place, society and quality of life improve; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, tech-related employment in Alabama increased by nearly 1,900 new workers, net tech employment grew by an estimated 1,888 jobs, a 1.3 percent increase over 2017, and the tech sector raised its contributions to the state's economy; since 2010, net tech employment has grown by over 10,000 new jobs with more than 147,000 workers; tech accounts for approximately 7.1 percent of Alabama's workforce; also, the tech sector had an estimated direct economic impact of $13.4 billion, which is about 6.8 percent of Alabama's total economy; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of people rely on technology in the workplace; the broad-based impact of the tech industry touches every community, company, and industry market across Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has seen a 57 percent increase in the number of job postings related to emerging technologies, smart cities, drones, artificial intelligence, virtual and augmented reality, and blockchain; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2026, net tech employment will grow by 6.8 percent in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, multiple tech occupations in Alabama have experienced yearly growth, including over 3.7 percent for software and web developers, over 3.1 percent for computer
support specialists, and over one percent for network 
architects, administrators, and support specialists; the 
median tech occupation wage is $77,956, which is 109 percent 
higher than the median wage for all occupations in the State; 
and

WHEREAS, Alabama's technology industry and AI indeed 
have a positive impact on the state's workforce and economy 
now and in the future; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH 
HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Alabama's technology industry 
and AI job creators are commended, and this resolution is 
dedicated to them in highest esteem and gratitude.
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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