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3 By Senators Orr, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders,
7 Sanford, Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman,
8 Stutts, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
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4 ENROLLED, SJR48,

5 SUPPORTING THE CELEBRATION OF ALABAMA'S
6 BICENTENNIAL.

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8 WHEREAS, Alabama became our nation's twenty-second
9 state on the monumental day of December 14, 1819, and we deem
10 it appropriate and fitting that the State of Alabama celebrate
11 and memorialize this significant date and bicentennial
12 milestone; and

13 WHEREAS, the Alabama Bicentennial Commission has
14 been diligently working to prepare and implement a three-year
15 celebration of the places, people, and stories representative
16 of Alabama's prominent history; and

17 WHEREAS, the kick-off of the three-year celebration
18 of Alabama's Bicentennial will be held on March 3, 2017; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2017 we will celebrate the year of
20 exploring our places; from the Shoals to the shores, and
21 everywhere in between, Alabama is a land of beauty and
22 diversity; it includes mountains, beaches, prairies, forests,
23 and wetlands, and a crisscrossing of rivers and lakes; but it
24 is also the site of battlegrounds and front lines, historic
25 sites and monuments, and the home of small communities and

1 sprawling cities; in 2017, we will explore the places that
2 have shaped our past and promote the parks, museums, towns,
3 and historic sites that represent who we are; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2018 we will honor our people; whether
5 they lived here for centuries or came from far away,
6 Alabamians made this state their home, and their stories
7 reflect some of the most significant moments in both national
8 and world history; Alabamians are not only military heroes,
9 artists, and international icons, but also farmers, teachers,
10 ministers, and unsung hometown heroes who live in communities
11 across the state; 2018 will be the year to raise them up and
12 bring them home; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2019 we will celebrate the year of
14 sharing our stories; the bicentennial is the perfect time for
15 Alabamians to discover, preserve, and share their history; it
16 is also a great time to remember why we love our communities
17 and are proud of our people; it is time to make new stories;
18 we have a lot to tell; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby offer our support
21 for the celebration of Alabama's Bicentennial and the work of
22 the Alabama 200 Bicentennial Commission and encourage all
23 Alabamians to proudly recognize and celebrate our state's
24 Bicentennial Anniversary and reflect upon our multifaceted
25 culture and riveting narrative.

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President and Presiding Officer of
the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representa-
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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: 07-MAR-17

By: Senator Orr