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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  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR56,

5 SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ALABAMA  
6 BICENTENNIAL CAPITOL PARK.

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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 colossal  
12 Bicentennial 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 plans for this momentous celebration  
18 include the creation of the Alabama Bicentennial Capitol Park,  
19 which shall stand as a permanent memorial to our great state's  
20 Bicentennial Anniversary and rich history and will be located  
21 in front of the State Capitol on both sides of Dexter Avenue;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, located at the hub of the Capitol, the  
24 emblematic heart of the state, the park will serve as a  
25 beautifully landscaped, welcoming memorial that pays tribute

1 to 200 years of statehood; it will instruct past, current, and  
2 future generations to unite in recognizing the challenges,  
3 accomplishments, and promise of Alabama and its remarkable  
4 people; and

5 WHEREAS, we declare our support and unwavering  
6 commitment to the development and construction of Bicentennial  
7 Capitol Park, which will include 16 bas relief sculptures  
8 illustrating the extraordinary stories of notable figures,  
9 places, and events relevant to Alabama history including the  
10 first Native Americans, American Revolution hero Marquis de  
11 LaFayette's visit to the state, Jefferson Davis's  
12 inauguration, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "How Long"  
13 speech; complimentary text panels will be inscribed with the  
14 accompanying stories; and

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby offer our support  
17 for the development of the Alabama Bicentennial Capitol Park  
18 and encourage all Alabamians to proudly recognize and  
19 celebrate our state's Bicentennial Anniversary and reflect  
20 upon our multifaceted culture and riveting narrative and  
21 request that this resolution of support be memorialized as a  
22 permanent part of the park.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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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.

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 15-MAR-17

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By: Senator Orr