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3 By Senator Waggoner
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 09-APR-13

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4 ENROLLED, SJR63,

5 RECOGNIZING THE COMMERCE, TRADE, AND CULTURAL
6 EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
7 AND WELCOMING HIS EXCELLENCY RYSZARD SCHNEPF, AMBASSADOR OF
8 POLAND TO THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SOUTHEAST U.S. - POLAND
9 BUSINESS SUMMIT IN BIRMINGHAM IN APRIL 2013.

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11 WHEREAS, the Republic of Poland and the United
12 States have a long-standing historical relationship dating
13 back to 1609 when the records of the Jamestown Colony note
14 Polish immigrants as members of the colony and later Polish
15 immigrants played a major role in the American Revolutionary
16 War; and

17 WHEREAS, today, according to the most recent federal
18 census, there are more than 22,000 people of Polish heritage
19 living in Alabama and many Alabama companies are doing
20 business with and investing in Poland; and

21 WHEREAS, the Birmingham International Center, in
22 collaboration with the Alabama International Trade Center, the
23 U.S. Commercial Service, the Export Alabama Alliance, and the
24 Polish American Chamber of Commerce, presented a successful
25 workshop on "Doing Business in Poland" in April 2011, and

1 thereafter trade missions began from Alabama to Poland in
2 March 2012; and

3 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Commerce, on
4 behalf of the Export Alabama Alliance, released the 2012
5 Alabama trade strategy: "Accelerate Alabama Exports, A Driver
6 for Economic Development" which includes, as a part of its
7 strategy, business opportunities with Poland; and

8 WHEREAS, the Birmingham International Center is
9 developing a program to spotlight the country of Poland to
10 provide educational programs to the students and teachers in
11 Alabama about Poland and to assist Alabama businesses with
12 creating opportunities for export and import with Poland; and

13 WHEREAS, Poland is the fastest growing and most
14 stable economy in the European Union and the Polish people
15 continue to demonstrate a strong affinity for the United
16 States and its products; and

17 WHEREAS, Poland's size and location affords access
18 to the large European Union market; and

19 WHEREAS, his Excellency Ryszard Schnepf, the
20 Ambassador of Poland to the United States, plans to attend the
21 Southeast U.S. - Poland Business Summit to be held by the
22 Birmingham International Center in Birmingham April 15 and 16,
23 2013, and the Ambassador's Dinner held in conjunction
24 therewith on April 13, 2013; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Legislature
3 recognizes the important commerce, trade, and cultural
4 exchange between the United States and the Republic of Poland,
5 and extends its most gracious and cordial welcome of his
6 Excellency, Ryszard Schnepf, the Ambassador of Poland to the
7 United States, on the occasion of his visit to Birmingham for
8 the Southeast U.S. - Poland Business Summit in April 2013.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
10 resolution be made available for appropriate presentation.

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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
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