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4 Ross, Keahey, Bedford, and Sanders  
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8 URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO USE  
9 ALL OF THEIR POWERS TO FORCE BRITISH PETROLEUM TO EXPEDITE THE  
10 PAYMENT OF CLAIMS SUBMITTED BY ALABAMA CITIZENS AND TO  
11 COMPENSATE THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE LOSS OF TAX  
12 REVENUE DUE TO THE DEEPWATER HORIZON EXPLOSION AND OIL LEAK.

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14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That

16 WHEREAS, as a result of the explosion and fire  
17 aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig on April 20, 2010,  
18 and the resultant oil leak disaster in the Gulf of Mexico,  
19 many Alabama citizens suffered loss of jobs and income from  
20 their businesses; and

21 WHEREAS, the Deepwater Horizon oil leak is the worst  
22 oil leak in Alabama and United States history and is the worst  
23 environmental disaster the United States has faced; and

24 WHEREAS, British Petroleum has received claims for  
25 the losses from many Alabama citizens which have not been  
26 paid; and

1                   WHEREAS, the state and local governments have  
2 experienced reduced tax revenue due to the Deepwater Horizon  
3 explosion; and

4                   WHEREAS, the nonpayment of the claims by British  
5 Petroleum has exacerbated the loss suffered by Alabama  
6 citizens; now therefore,

7                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge the Governor  
9 and the Attorney General to use all of their powers to force  
10 British Petroleum to expedite the payment of claims submitted  
11 by Alabama citizens and to compensate the state and local  
12 governments for the loss of tax revenue due to the Deepwater  
13 Horizon explosion and oil leak.

14                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
15 Resolution be forwarded to the Governor and the Attorney  
16 General.