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3 By Senators Orr, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell,

4 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,

5 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,

6 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Price,

7 Reed, Roberts, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman,

8 Stewart, Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

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SJR___ CONGRATULATING GEORGE CLARK ON BEING NAMED DIRECTOR
EMERITUS AND PRESIDENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AT
MANUFACTURE ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, in November 2023, George N. Clark was
appointed as Director Emeritus and President of Workforce
Development at Manufacture Alabama, the only trade
association in the state dedicated exclusively to advocating
for and supporting the needs of Alabama's manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark is a graduate of Marion Military
Institute; he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in
Commerce and Business from The University of Alabama and a
Juris Doctorate from The University of Alabama School of
Law; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Mr. Clark embarked on
a lifetime of service and dedication to the State of
Alabama; in addition to his many professional achievements,
he served two terms in the Alabama House of Representatives;
and

WHEREAS, he was named President of the Alabama
Industry and Manufacturers Association (AIM) trade
organization, now known as Manufacture Alabama, after he
helped start the organization in 1996; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, George Clark was appointed by
Governor Robert Bentley to the Governor's College & Career



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29 Ready Task Force, which studied methods to help Alabamians
30 in the labor force; and

31 WHEREAS, he also served as the Chairman of the
32 Alabama Workforce Investment Board (AWIB); the AWIB oversees
33 Alabama's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
34 programs and aims to provide "advice and policy guidance to
35 the Governor on building a strong workforce development
36 system that aligns with economic development and skills
37 training goals in the state"; and

38 WHEREAS, George Clark is also the former
39 Vice-Chairman of the Alabama Workforce Council (AWC), which
40 was born out of the College & Career Ready Task Force and
41 works "to foster collaboration between government, industry
42 and education" to ensure "that all Alabamians have the
43 capacity to pursue their educational goals and realize
44 long-term career opportunities"; and

45 WHEREAS, along with his roles on the WIOA Board and
46 the AWC, Mr. Clark serves on the Alabama Apprenticeship
47 Council and Governor Kay Ivey's STEM Council; he has
48 tirelessly spent decades advocating for enhanced workforce
49 development policies and strategies to ensure employers have
50 a pipeline of trained and career-ready employees; now
51 therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
53 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That George Clark is highly
54 commended and congratulated on his position as Director
55 Emeritus and President of Workforce Development at
56 Manufacture Alabama, and this resolution is offered to him



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57 as evidence of our high regard for his decades of long
58 dedication to the State of Alabama and with best wishes for
59 continued health and prosperity in all future endeavors.