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3 By Senator Sessions  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR72,

5 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ITS  
6 DIVISION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT TO REVIEW THE BENEFITS OF  
7 PORTLAND LIMESTONE CEMENT AND INCENTIVIZING ITS USE.

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9 WHEREAS, Portland Limestone Cement is an innovative  
10 and proven product that consists of up to 15 percent  
11 limestone, an abundant natural resource in the State of  
12 Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, Portland Limestone Cement has been  
14 developed and utilized effectively in other states for many  
15 years as a suitable alternative for traditional cement; and

16 WHEREAS, the development of Portland Limestone  
17 Cement is known to result in fewer carbon dioxide emissions  
18 than the production of traditional cement; and

19 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is the fifth largest  
20 cement producing state in the country; and

21 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has a responsibility  
22 to conduct its work in a manner that will incentivize the  
23 production and utilization of products known to have  
24 environmental benefits; and

1           WHEREAS, federal policies are expected to continue  
2 prioritizing emission reduction and sustainability with  
3 specific regard to publicly funded projects; and

4           WHEREAS, for these reasons, it is in the best  
5 interest of all parties engaged in the construction of state  
6 projects to begin a methodical transition toward the  
7 incorporation of Portland Limestone Cement; and

8           WHEREAS, the Department of Finance and the Division  
9 of Construction Management have the ability and discretion to  
10 enact or promulgate measures that will result in the  
11 utilization of Portland Limestone Cement in state projects;  
12 now therefore,

13           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature does hereby  
15 encourage the Department of Finance and its Division of  
16 Construction Management to review the benefits of Portland  
17 Limestone Cement and adopt standards to incentivize its use in  
18 state building projects, with an emphasis on those funded by  
19 the Public School and College Authority, with a target date of  
20 October 1, 2022, for the objectives outlined in this  
21 resolution.

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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  
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