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5 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S RECORD 2017 EXPORTS SALES AND
6 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT
7 PROFESSIONALS, TRADE STAKEHOLDERS, AND ALABAMA BUSINESSES THAT
8 EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS.

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10 WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to
11 be one of the state's most powerful economic engines and job
12 creators; and

13 WHEREAS, demonstrating an abiding dedication to
14 productivity and growth, exports from Alabama were shipped to
15 189 countries and totaled a record-high level of \$21.7 billion
16 in 2017; and

17 WHEREAS, two-way trade between Alabama and the world
18 totaled over \$45.34 billion during 2017; and

19 WHEREAS, the state ranked 22nd in the nation for
20 dollar value of exports in 2017, moving one place forward from
21 the previous year; and

22 WHEREAS, Alabama provides a variety of products
23 worldwide, such as: Vehicles, transportation equipment,
24 agricultural products, chemicals, minerals, iron, steel,
25 machinery, and paper products; and

1 WHEREAS, Alabama's largest export category,
2 transportation equipment, rose from \$10.69 billion to \$10.9
3 billion between 2016 and 2017, a growth of 1.96 percent; and

4 WHEREAS, Alabama exports are much sought after by
5 international consumers and Alabama-produced products are
6 second to none in quality and excellence; and

7 WHEREAS, international trade enhances the quality of
8 life for all Alabamians, contributes to the state's prosperity
9 and economic growth, and creates and sustains tens of
10 thousands of high paying jobs; and

11 WHEREAS, we commend Alabama's professional trade
12 community, the Alabama Department of Commerce, the Alabama
13 Department of Agriculture and Industries, the Port of Mobile,
14 trade organizations, trade research groups, manufacturing,
15 agriculture, small businesses, and the hard-working men and
16 women who are the backbone of Alabama's new record export
17 revenues; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade enhances
20 the quality of life for all Alabamians and contributes to the
21 state's prosperity; we congratulate all those who contributed
22 to Alabama's record-high exports in 2017; and we encourage the
23 continued growth of Alabama's exports to the global
24 marketplace.

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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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By: Senator Waggoner