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2 URGING THE COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION AND
3 NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT RULES FURTHER REGULATING
4 SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING OF BIRDS AND WILDLIFE.

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6 WHEREAS, the bird and animal population of this
7 state benefits greatly as a result of supplemental feeding
8 particularly during winter months; and

9 WHEREAS, current law has caused many landowners to
10 discontinue supplemental feeding during deer season to avoid
11 an inadvertent violation of the law and a resulting
12 citation; and

13 WHEREAS, in response to this issue, the
14 Legislature this year has considered SB346 and HB419, both
15 of which were approved by committee of the respective house
16 of origin and which would have defined certain areas where
17 deer hunting would be authorized in relation to supplemental
18 feeding; and

19 WHEREAS, there is a need to clarify the areas
20 where supplemental feeding may take place in relation to a
21 hunter being on the land; and

22 WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Conservation and
23 Natural Resources has broad authority to adopt rules
24 relating to game and fish in this state, including any rule
25 that would clarify the area where supplemental feeding could
26 continue during winter months when deer hunting is otherwise
27 authorized; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Commissioner of
3 Conservation and Natural Resources is urged to adopt new
4 rules further defining the areas on property where
5 supplemental feeding of birds and animals may continue
6 during hunting season.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this reso-
8 lution be forwarded to the Commissioner of Conservation and
9 Natural Resources.