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3 By Senators Albritton, Orr and Stutts
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 09-JAN-18

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4 ENROLLED, SJR9,

5 JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ST. STEPHENS AS THE
6 TERRITORIAL CAPITAL OF ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, located in Washington County along the
9 Tombigbee River, on land formerly occupied by Native Americans
10 and by French, British, and Spanish colonists, the town of St.
11 Stephens was developed on the site of a 1789 Spanish outpost,
12 Fort San Esteban; and

13 WHEREAS, on March 3, 1817, the Congress of the
14 United States established the Alabama Territory from the
15 eastern portion of the Mississippi Territory; and

16 WHEREAS, on December 10, 1817, Congress designated
17 St. Stephens as Alabama's territorial capital; and

18 WHEREAS, members of the territorial Legislature
19 convened at St. Stephens on January 19, 1818, where they
20 selected Alabama's first representatives in Congress, drew
21 judicial districts, created new counties, and provided for a
22 census in anticipation of statehood; and

23 WHEREAS, in November 1818, the territorial
24 Legislature in St. Stephens made a formal petition for
25 statehood to Congress; and

1 WHEREAS, during the same session, the territorial
2 Legislature voted to relocate the capital temporarily to
3 Huntsville until such time as new facilities were completed in
4 Cahawba; and

5 WHEREAS, now operated by the St. Stephens Historical
6 Commission, the territorial capital is one of the most
7 significant archaeological sites in the state, replete with
8 remnants of Alabama's early political and cultural history;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Alabama is currently engaged in a
11 commemoration of the Bicentennial of Statehood, a three-year
12 celebration of the people, places, and events that form our
13 rich history; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby recognize St.
16 Stephens as the Territorial Capital of Alabama.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 11-JAN-18
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.
Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 16-JAN-18

By: Senator Albritton