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3 By Senator Smitherman  
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8 COMMENDING THE WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON  
9 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND ALABAMA A AND  
10 M UNIVERSITY FOR THE 2010 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE.  
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12 WHEREAS, Presidential Executive Order 13532  
13 establishes the White House Initiative on Historically Black  
14 Colleges and Universities (HBCU); and

15 WHEREAS, Alabama A and M University, in partnership  
16 with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges  
17 and Universities, is hosting the Technical Assistance  
18 Conference on April 26-28, 2010; and

19 WHEREAS, the Conference will bring together more  
20 than 400 representatives from the HBCU community, business,  
21 industry, and federal and private sectors to provide  
22 participants with an opportunity to interact with federal  
23 agency representatives and to learn about proposal  
24 development, grants and contracts, fellowships, internships,  
25 and other initiatives; and

1           WHEREAS, HBCUs have made historic and ongoing  
2 contributions to the general welfare and prosperity of our  
3 country; and

4           WHEREAS, visionary leaders in America's HBCUs, for  
5 over 150 years, have produced many of the nation's leaders in  
6 business, government, academia, and the military, and have  
7 provided generations of American men and women with hope and  
8 educational opportunity; and

9           WHEREAS, the nation's 105 HBCUs are located in 20  
10 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands,  
11 serving more than 300,000 undergraduate and graduate students;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, these institutions continue to be important  
14 engines of economic growth and community services, and they  
15 are proven ladders of intergenerational advancement for men  
16 and women of all ethnic, racial, and economic backgrounds,  
17 especially African-Americans; and

18           WHEREAS, these institutions also produce a high  
19 number of baccalaureate recipients who go on to assume  
20 leadership and service roles in their communities; and

21           WHEREAS, in response to previous, current, and  
22 future Presidential Executive Orders on HBCUs, the partnership  
23 agreement entered into and among Benedict College in Columbia,  
24 South Carolina, the Federal Highway Administration, the South  
25 Carolina Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier

1 Safety Administration, and South Carolina Department of Public  
2 Safety serves as a best practices model; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF  
4 ALABAMA, That we commend the White House Initiative for  
5 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Alabama A and  
6 M University for sponsoring the Technical Assistance  
7 Conference on April 26-28, 2010.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
9 resolution be presented to Dr. John S. Wilson, Executive  
10 Director for the White House Initiative on Historically Black  
11 Colleges and Universities, and Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.,  
12 President of Alabama A and M University.