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8 COMMENDING ALEJANDRO PENA-ESCLUSA ON HIS COURAGEOUS
9 STAND AGAINST TOTALITARIANISM AND INVITING HIM TO ADDRESS A
10 JOINT SESSION OF THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE.
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12 WHEREAS, at great personal risk to himself,
13 Alejandro Pena-Esclusa has stood firm in opposition to the
14 spread of Marxism and totalitarianism in Latin America; and

15 WHEREAS, Alejandro Pena-Esclusa is an
16 internationally renowned author, lecturer, and political
17 leader, known for his staunch opposition to the gathering
18 momentum of Castroite totalitarianism among governments and
19 other entities in South America; he has written six books and
20 is in high demand throughout the world for his expert
21 commentary on the necessity of promoting the spread of
22 Western-style democracy in Latin America and elsewhere; among
23 his many honors and recognitions, Alejandro Pena-Esclusa has
24 been selected to the Brazilian Academy of Philosophy and
25 honored by Honduras with the Jose Cecilio del Valle Medal,
26 that nation's highest award for non-citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, Alejandro Pena-Esclusa sought the
2 presidency of Venezuela, in opposition to the notorious
3 totalitarian touchstone, Hugo Chavez, and continues to serve
4 as an ideological and symbolic counterweight to Chavez's
5 grievance-driven exploitation of the people of Venezuela and
6 of broader Latin America in furtherance of the fomentation of
7 authoritarian movements in the region; and

8 WHEREAS, President of Fuerza Solidaria (Solidarity
9 Force), which opposes the official government of Chavez in
10 Venezuela, Alejandro Pena-Esclusa was a central figure in the
11 formation of UnoAmerica, a coalition of non-government
12 organizations (NGOs), such as Fuerza Solidaria, the purpose of
13 which is to promote freedom and democracy in Latin America, in
14 specific opposition to the ambitions of the Sao Paulo Forum,
15 which was formed by Fidel Castro to promote the spread of
16 totalitarianism and to which Chavez, Evo Morales of Bolivia,
17 Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua, and other ideological
18 fellow-travelers belong; and

19 WHEREAS, Alejandro Pena-Esclusa's knowledge and
20 understanding of the foregoing issues and circumstances is
21 unsurpassed in his field; his further insight into the nexus
22 of Islamic terrorism, drug trafficking, and totalitarian
23 expansionism, in Latin America and around the globe, is worthy
24 of our attention and our praise; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby heartily invite
27 Alejandro Pena-Esclusa to address a joint session of the

1 Alabama Legislature and do further direct that a copy of this
2 resolution be presented to him with our highest regard and
3 deepest gratitude.