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3 By Representative Todd  
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8 URGING ADECA TO WORK DILIGENTLY TO INSURE  
9 WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO  
10 ELIGIBLE LOW INCOME PERSONS.  
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12 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy  
13 (USDOE) has designated Alabama's community action agencies as  
14 the preferred subgrantees of the federally supported  
15 weatherization programs under Part 440 - Weatherization  
16 Assistance for Low Income Persons - or under Title II of the  
17 Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; and

18 WHEREAS, Alabama's community action agencies have  
19 unparalleled experience, expertise, and success in providing  
20 energy assistance as well as a comprehensive range of related  
21 human service programs for more than 45 years to low income  
22 persons who are particularly vulnerable, such as the elderly,  
23 persons with disabilities, families with children, high  
24 residential energy users, and households with high energy  
25 burdens; and

26 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Economic and  
27 Community Affairs (ADECA) has been designated by Governor Bob

1 Riley to serve as the lead agency for the State of Alabama for  
2 the administration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment  
3 Act (ARRA) weatherization assistance program; and

4 WHEREAS, ADECA received approximately \$75 million in  
5 a grant award from the USDOE to administer this program to  
6 insure that low income persons who are particularly vulnerable  
7 receive the benefits of this program; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge ADECA to work  
10 vigorously to insure that each weatherization program  
11 subgrantee receives all needed and necessary support to insure  
12 the successful delivery of program resources to low income  
13 communities.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge ADECA to work  
15 closely and cooperatively with the Alabama Weatherization  
16 Association as the Community Action Association of Alabama  
17 that together serve as the statewide organizations which  
18 provide training, technical assistance, and support to  
19 weatherization assistance programs and community action  
20 agencies which serve as the ARRA Weatherization Assistance  
21 Program Subgrantees.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
23 resolution be provided to the United States Secretary of the  
24 Department of Energy and the Director of ADECA.