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By Representative Hubbard (M)

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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

RESOLVING TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR TORNADO DAMAGED SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the storms that ravaged our state on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, caused unprecedented levels of destruction to property as well as the loss of the lives of more than 250 Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, among the damaged and destroyed pieces of property are numerous school buildings owned by local boards of education; and while rebuilding these damaged properties will be funded in part by insurance proceeds and possible other sources of funds, such as government-provided reimbursements, additional state funds will likely be needed to fully finance the repair and rebuilding of these damaged school properties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes the importance of providing an environment in which our children can receive a first class education; and

WHEREAS, the state will always be ready and willing to assist local boards of education in their rebuilding efforts to make whole the school properties that were damaged, yet it is impossible to currently ascertain what amount of

state funding will be needed to provide for school districts suffering from storm damage; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature commits to working with Governor Bentley and State Superintendent of Education Morton to determine what funding resources are needed and how best to provide them to ensure that those school properties affected by the tornado outbreak of Wednesday, April 27, 2011, may be rebuilt and made whole in a timely manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature expects insurance reimbursements, FEMA, and other sources to cover the bulk of the replacement value costs to make the affected systems whole, and the difference, if any, will be addressed by the Legislature.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was adopted by the House 03-MAY-11.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate 03-MAY-11 Adopted