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8 URGING THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION TO CRIMINALIZE
9 THE PURCHASE OF SEX AND PROTECT PROSTITUTED WOMEN AND CHILDREN
10 BY OFFERING EXIT PROGRAMS, REHABILITATION SERVICES, AND OTHER
11 RELEVANT SOCIAL SERVICES.

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13 WHEREAS, the United States of America is one of the
14 top three destination countries for victims of human
15 trafficking; there are currently 27 million slaves in the
16 world today and 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked
17 across international borders each year, and of those, 80
18 percent are women and 70 percent are women and children who
19 are sexually exploited through prostitution; and

20 WHEREAS, in order for human trafficking, a form of
21 modern day slavery, to come to an end in the United States,
22 the federal government and the government of every state must
23 recognize the connection between prostitution and human
24 trafficking and take aggressive steps to end this injustice by
25 adopting laws that would curb the demand for prostituted women
26 and children; this can be done through the adoption of
27 legislation based on the "Nordic Model" which has been

1 extremely successful in curbing demand and drastically
2 reducing instances of human trafficking; and

3 WHEREAS, over the past 10 years in Sweden, where sex
4 purchase laws were first enacted, there has been a reduction
5 of 50 percent in street prostitution and a 40 percent
6 reduction in demand; Sweden now has the lowest rate of human
7 trafficking in the entire European Union; this incredible
8 success was achieved by adopting laws that curb demand by
9 criminalizing the purchase of sex and protecting the women and
10 children who are prostituted; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition, it is crucial that the
12 government promote a culture where sex and sexual services are
13 not commodities that can be bought and sold; therefore, it is
14 important to adopt policies that would hinder and stop
15 sexually oriented businesses such as strip clubs, peep shows,
16 sex shops, and the like that are promoting a culture where sex
17 is for sale; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we urge the Legislature to
20 criminalize the purchase of sex and protect prostituted women
21 and children by offering exit programs, rehabilitation
22 services, and other relevant social services by adopting the
23 "Nordic Model" of legislation that views prostitution as a
24 form of violence against women and children.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call on the
26 government to adopt aggressive policies that would convict
27 those purchasing sex with harsh penalties that would include

1 up to 12 months of jail time and protect the women and
2 children who are prostituted, to officially recognize that
3 prostitution is inherently harmful and dehumanizing and that
4 in order to combat human trafficking, prostitution must come
5 to an end, and to adopt policies that would hinder and stop
6 sexually oriented businesses such as strip clubs that promote
7 sex and sexual services as commodities that can be bought and
8 sold.