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4 ENROLLED, SJR90,

5 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ALABAMA'S BIOTECHNOLOGY  
6 INDUSTRY.

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8 WHEREAS, as a nation, we are on the cusp of an  
9 explosion of new science that will create new opportunities in  
10 health, agriculture, and energy; and

11 WHEREAS, biotechnology has historically been and  
12 will continue to be a source of unparalleled societal  
13 advancements in health and a proven generator of high-quality  
14 jobs; and

15 WHEREAS, maximizing brain science breakthroughs and  
16 bioscience applications can offer hope to millions of  
17 Americans impacted by Alzheimer's, autism, Parkinson's, and  
18 traumatic brain injuries; and

19 WHEREAS, although much progress has been made in its  
20 treatment, Alzheimer's disease remains an unmet medical need  
21 that is devastating to patients and their caregivers  
22 accompanied with a huge financial burden associated with their  
23 medical expenses, a breakthrough treatment that delays the age  
24 of onset of Alzheimer's disease by five years would translate  
25 to 1.6 million fewer Americans living with this disease with a

1 potential savings in medical costs of \$50 billion per year;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Alabama is home to a vibrant and growing  
4 biotechnology industry that could serve as a strong catalyst  
5 for our state's economy; and

6 WHEREAS, with more than 550 bioscience  
7 establishments spanning subsectors of the biotechnology  
8 industry including agriculture, drugs and pharmaceuticals,  
9 medical devices and equipment, hospitals, and research testing  
10 and medical laboratories, Alabama's biotechnology industry is  
11 rising to the challenge of unmet medical needs; investment in  
12 biotechnology innovation will successfully create health and  
13 environmental security for the people of our state and across  
14 the nation, add high-quality jobs, and reverse the  
15 skyrocketing costs of health care; and

16 WHEREAS, each year, Alabama is among national  
17 leaders in bioscience patents showcasing the state's dynamic  
18 research and discovery engine; continued investment in these  
19 innovations will create a path forward for commercialization  
20 and thereby spur economic growth; and

21 WHEREAS, Alabama contributes worldwide to drug  
22 development by consistently maintaining a top position in the  
23 number of clinical trials conducted; this is attributed to our  
24 top ranked hospitals, medical institutions, and medical  
25 practitioners; and

1           WHEREAS, it is critical that Alabama realize and  
2           harness its potential in biotechnology, raising the bar and  
3           enhancing our competitiveness as a state by investing in  
4           biotechnology innovation, the boost to the state's economy  
5           will be monumental; moreover, the greatest return on  
6           investment will be the impact that Alabama can achieve by  
7           being able to address ways to improve our environment, meet  
8           unmet medical needs, and improve the quality of life for our  
9           society far into the future; now therefore,

10           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, as follows:

12           We express our unreserved and enthusiastic support  
13           for Alabama's bioscience industry and the efforts of  
14           BioAlabama, the state affiliate of the Biotechnology Industry  
15           Organization, and the Alabama Biotechnology Legislative  
16           Caucus.

17           We applaud the dedicated professionals and support  
18           staff of all of Alabama's bioscience companies and  
19           establishments.

20           We encourage the continued development of public  
21           policies that will create a business climate that facilitates  
22           the commercialization of innovative science, better supports  
23           existing companies, and attracts new organizations to Alabama.

1                   We encourage public awareness of Alabama's  
2           biotechnology industry and its impact on our quality of life  
3           and our state's economy.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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