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8 URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT A REGULATION FREEDOM
9 AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.
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11 WHEREAS, the United States currently has more than
12 300 independent and executive agencies, staffed by unelected
13 officials, issuing thousands of rules and regulations each
14 year that frequently involve everyday lives of people
15 throughout this state and the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, while federal rules and regulations often
17 benefit the public, many people share the concern that the
18 increasing amount of rules and regulations has slowed economic
19 growth by increasing consumer and compliance costs and
20 limiting job creation; and

21 WHEREAS, to address this issue, members of both
22 houses of Congress have proposed the Regulations from the
23 Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act; while the REINS Act
24 passed the United State House of Representatives in 2011 and
25 2013, it has not come to a vote in the United States Senate;
26 and

1 WHEREAS, the newly developed Regulation Freedom
2 Amendment provides another method to ensure that regulatory
3 agencies remain accountable to the citizenry of the United
4 States and encourage economic growth by reducing the costs
5 associated with rules and regulations; and

6 WHEREAS, the Regulation Freedom Amendment states,
7 "Whenever one quarter of the members of the United States
8 House or the United States Senate transmit to the President
9 their written declaration of opposition to a proposed federal
10 regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House and
11 Senate to adopt that regulation"; and

12 WHEREAS, several state legislatures throughout the
13 United States are considering the Regulation Freedom
14 Amendment; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the members of this body urge
17 the United States Congress to enact a Regulation Freedom
18 Amendment to the United States Constitution.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House
20 is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of
21 this resolution to each member of the Alabama Congressional
22 Delegation.