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3 By Senators Bedford, Waggoner, Singleton, Blackwell and Reed
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8 COMMENDING THE COAL INDUSTRY AND THE COAL MINERS IN
9 THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is blessed with the
12 abundance of coal that is used to provide low-cost electricity
13 to individual homes, business, and industry; and

14 WHEREAS, this same low-cost energy is a key factor
15 in recruiting industry into the state, which in turn provides
16 employment opportunities not otherwise available; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama utilizes coal as part
18 of the overall mix of energy production and has a 200-year
19 supply of coal remaining; and

20 WHEREAS, the coal industry has been very vibrant in
21 Alabama for well over 100-plus years and has employed
22 thousands of miners to extract this valuable natural resource;
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24 WHEREAS, currently there are over 4,000 miners
25 working to provide coal for the benefit of the State of
26 Alabama and its citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, there are over 16,000 indirect vendor jobs
2 associated with the mines that provide good employment not
3 only directly, but also indirectly; and

4 WHEREAS, the mining industry is a two billion dollar
5 annual industry in Alabama, producing millions of tax dollars
6 into the state and local governments each year, along with
7 millions more in charitable and civic contributions; now
8 therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the Alabama
11 coal industry and the individual miners for their continuing
12 efforts, under great duress from outside interests, to provide
13 a low-cost energy source in order that our citizens may
14 continue enjoying a good quality of life and access to good
15 jobs.