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8 RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
9 BOARD AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE CRAFT
10 BEER INDUSTRY IN ALABAMA AND RECOGNIZING THE CRAFT BEER
11 INDUSTRY.

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13 WHEREAS, craft breweries are small, independently
14 owned breweries that produce approximately three percent of
15 the beer sold annually in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, brewery tours and the brewery experience
17 are important components of the craft beer industry; and

18 WHEREAS, the growth of the United States craft
19 brewing industry in 2013 was 18 percent by volume and 20
20 percent by retail dollars; and

21 WHEREAS, Alabama is home to at least 28 craft
22 breweries; and

23 WHEREAS, the economic impact of craft breweries in
24 Alabama in 2012 was over \$230 million, including over \$73
25 million in wages; and

26 WHEREAS, several established craft breweries located
27 in the western United States have recently expanded or are

1 currently looking to expand to the southeastern United States;
2 now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the Alabama
5 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and other state agencies for
6 recognizing craft beer as a valuable Alabama-made product; and
7 we further recognize the craft beer industry and its economic
8 impact in our state.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the Alabama
10 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to support the following
11 concepts and policies for the expansion of the craft beer
12 industry:

13 (1) Creating a separate license for craft brewers,
14 recognizing the distinctiveness and positive economic and
15 community benefit of the craft beer industry.

16 (2) Allowing craft brewers to operate a restaurant
17 on their licensed premises.

18 (3) Allowing craft brewers to sell their products
19 directly to consumers at the brewery for consumption.

20 (4) Recognizing the need for flexibility in
21 addressing the unique needs, challenges, and opportunities for
22 the craft beer industry in Alabama.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
24 resolution be provided to the Director of the Alabama
25 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and the Secretary of the
26 Alabama Department of Commerce.