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3 By Senators Dial, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Scofield
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8 URGING THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
9 INDUSTRIES TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM IN LATIN AMERICA TO PROMOTE
10 ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

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12 WHEREAS, agricultural products and services
13 represent a significant and enduring part of Alabama's
14 economy; and

15 WHEREAS, promotion of Alabama agricultural products
16 and services in other parts of the world benefits farmers by
17 strengthening agricultural exports, contributing to a positive
18 trade balance, creating jobs, and boosting economic growth;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture
21 has recently established agreements with Latin American
22 countries such as Panama, Columbia, and others aimed at
23 boosting agricultural exports from the United States and
24 similar efforts by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and
25 Industries could maintain and expand Alabama's reputation as a
26 global producer of quality agricultural goods and services;
27 and

1 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Agricultural and
2 Industries has long enjoyed a reputation of being able to
3 forge lasting relationships with other countries that serve to
4 encourage trade of agricultural products; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That \$150,000 is appropriated to
7 the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries to
8 establish a program with the goal of promoting Alabama
9 agricultural goods and services in Latin America.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
11 resolution be delivered to the Commissioner of the Alabama
12 Department of Agriculture and Industries.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commissioner shall
14 report to the Legislature by October 1, 2014, regarding the
15 progress of this effort.