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3 By Representative Williams (JD)
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8 ESTABLISHING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
9 LIAISON COMMISSION.

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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature recognizes the
12 importance of a strong foundation for the University of
13 Alabama at Birmingham to ensure that the University continues
14 to thrive and be a strong and significant force in the City of
15 Birmingham and the State of Alabama as a whole; and

16 WHEREAS, the strength of the University of Alabama
17 at Birmingham requires the full support and cooperation of the
18 University of Alabama Board of Trustees, and it is the intent
19 of the Legislature that this support and cooperation be of
20 paramount importance; and

21 WHEREAS, the Legislature takes note that on Friday,
22 September 4, 2015, the University of Alabama Board of Trustees
23 announced the creation of a UAB Liaison Committee to foster
24 improved communication between the University of Alabama
25 System and the Birmingham community; and

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to support this
2 endeavor and provide a diversity of voices to that process;
3 now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is established the
6 University of Alabama at Birmingham Liaison Commission.

7 (a) The University of Alabama at Birmingham Liaison
8 Commission shall be composed of the following members:

9 (1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
10 President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate.

11 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives
12 appointed by the Speaker of the Alabama House of
13 Representatives.

14 (3) The Mayor of the City of Birmingham.

15 (4) The President of the Birmingham City Council.

16 (5) The Chair of the Jefferson County Commission.

17 (6) The County Manager for Jefferson County.

18 (7) The President of the Faculty Senate of the
19 University of Alabama at Birmingham.

20 (8) The President of the Student Body of the
21 University of Alabama at Birmingham.

22 (9) Five interested persons appointed by the
23 President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate.

24 (10) Five interested persons appointed by the
25 Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives.

1 (b) The membership of the commission shall be
2 inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,
3 urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state.

4 (c) The goal of the commission is to work in
5 conjunction with the University of Alabama System Board of
6 Trustees UAB Liaison Committee to ensure that the System has a
7 solid relationship with the City of Birmingham and Jefferson
8 County and to foster an improved level of trust between the
9 System and these communities.

10 (d) The commission shall be charged with the
11 following duties and responsibilities:

12 (1) Within 30 days of passage of this resolution,
13 the commission shall schedule an initial meeting to elect a
14 chair, organize, and discuss a plan of action.

15 (2) The commission shall publish its findings and
16 report on its activities to the Speaker of the House and
17 President Pro Tempore of the Senate by the first day of the
18 2016 Regular Legislative Session, and each regular session
19 thereafter.

20 (e) Upon request of the chair, the Secretary of the
21 Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives shall provide
22 necessary clerical assistance for the work of the commission.
23 Each legislative member of the commission shall be entitled to
24 his or her regular legislative compensation, per diem, and
25 travel expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of
26 the commission in accordance with Amendment 871 of the

1 Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These payments shall be paid
2 out of any funds appropriated for the use of the Legislature.