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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 SUPPORTING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN
4 EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH LIVING SHORELINES, AND URGING THE CORPS
5 TO ISSUE A NEW NATIONWIDE PERMIT FOR LIVING SHORELINES.
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7 WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile
8 District is commended for issuing the first regional general
9 permit in the United States of America for living shorelines,
10 incentivizing greater adoption of living shorelines; and

11 WHEREAS, living shorelines can reduce erosion while
12 maintaining the land and water connection important to
13 sustaining habitats, important for the aquatic health of
14 Alabama waterways, which supply seafood for the American
15 public and support the hospitality industry and
16 tourism-related businesses; and

17 WHEREAS, living shorelines maintain or restore
18 natural waterfronts contributing to the vibrant recreational
19 and commercial fishing and hunting industries; and

20 WHEREAS, there is no current U.S. Army Corps of
21 Engineers Nationwide Permit for living shorelines; and

22 WHEREAS, project developers often align their
23 activities to meet general permit specifications where
24 possible in order to avoid the time and expense of an
25 individual permit application; and

1 WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile
2 District issued Living Shorelines General Permit, ALG10-2011,
3 for the preservation and restoration of dunes, beaches,
4 wetlands, submerged grassbeds for the protection and
5 propagation of essential fish habitat, and for shoreline
6 restoration and nourishment; and

7 WHEREAS, concern is increasing about the expansion
8 and negative impact of seawalls and bulkheads along the shore
9 leading to coastal habitat loss and degradation; and

10 WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile
11 District permits, through ALG11-2011, Armoring Systems
12 (Riprap), Bulkheads, River Training Structures,
13 Bioengineering, and other Standard Shoreline
14 Protection/Stabilization Devices, only where it is
15 demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Corps that there are
16 no feasible non-structural alternatives available including,
17 but not limited to, preservation and restoration of wetlands,
18 submerged grassbeds, shoreline restoration and/or nourishment;
19 now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby express our
22 commitment to the support of the expanded use of living
23 shorelines, to the long-term conservation of Alabama water
24 resources, and to the protection of the Alabama waterfront
25 communities, and we hereby support the U.S. Army Corps of

1 Engineers efforts to encourage living shorelines over less
2 natural bank stabilization approaches, where feasible, by
3 issuing a new nationwide permit for living shorelines in
4 accordance with ALG10-2011 and ALG11-2011, in the subsequent
5 reissuances of the nationwide permits.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
7 resolution be made available to each member of the Alabama
8 Congressional Delegation.

