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3 By Senators Waggoner and Allen  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY.

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10 WHEREAS, the steel industry is an economic  
11 powerhouse that ignites employment, job creation, and progress  
12 worldwide; and

13 WHEREAS, steel is an integral component of economic  
14 forces including trucks and autos, energy production and  
15 transmission, transportation infrastructure, public safety  
16 infrastructure, and a broad range of military applications;  
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18 WHEREAS, notably, the dynamic steel sector directly  
19 employs about 150,000 people in the United States, including  
20 9,239 jobs generated in Alabama, and either directly or  
21 indirectly supports more than one million United States jobs;  
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23 WHEREAS, for more than two years, finished steel  
24 imports have been flooding into the United States at  
25 historically high levels; and, in 2015, finished steel imports  
26 attained an all-time high record by capturing 29 percent of  
27 the United States market; and

1           WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to highlight  
2 a consistently thriving sector that profoundly impacts the  
3 great State of Alabama and the United States of America; now  
4 therefore,

5           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge Alabama's  
7 federal elected officials in Washington, D.C., including  
8 President Barack Obama, U.S. Senators, Richard Shelby and Jeff  
9 Sessions, and members of the U.S. House of Representatives to  
10 continue to fight for strong enforcement of our nation's trade  
11 laws to level the playing field with China and other  
12 countries, and taking whatever action necessary to protect the  
13 domestic steel industry from unfair foreign competition.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the United  
15 States Department of Commerce to maintain China's "non-market  
16 economy" status, which preserves the ability of U.S. companies  
17 and American workers to access domestic trade remedy laws.