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5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR27,

5 RECOGNIZING MERCEDES-BENZ OF ALABAMA ON ITS 20TH  
6 ANNIVERSARY.

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8 WHEREAS, in 1997, German luxury automobile maker  
9 Mercedes-Benz began assembling M-class sports utility vehicles  
10 at its newly constructed facility on 1,000 acres in the small  
11 Tuscaloosa County town of Vance; and

12 WHEREAS, Mercedes-Benz was the first major car  
13 company to open a manufacturing plant in the State of Alabama;  
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15 WHEREAS, the workers at what today is Mercedes-Benz  
16 U.S. International, Inc., produce a lineup of high-end  
17 vehicles that include the C-Class sedan, the GLS SUV and the  
18 GLE SUV - formerly known as the M-Class; and

19 WHEREAS, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc.,  
20 president and CEO Jason Hoff pointed out that demand for the  
21 luxury vehicles has remained steady around the nation; and

22 WHEREAS, November 2016 sales totaled 30,363  
23 vehicles, up from 30,043 vehicles sold during the same month  
24 in 2015; and

1           WHEREAS, in 2016, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International,  
2           Inc., continued worked on a \$1.3 billion expansion of its  
3           assembly plant that will include a new 1.3 million-square-foot  
4           body shop, a larger enhanced SUV assembly shop and an upgraded  
5           logistics IT system; and

6           WHEREAS, once complete, Mercedes-Benz U.S.  
7           International, Inc., officials say the expanded space will  
8           support the assembly of the next generation of SUVs, including  
9           hybrid models; and

10           WHEREAS, celebrating 20 years is a huge milestone  
11           and Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc., is proud of the  
12           number of jobs and other opportunities that have been created  
13           through the growth of the automobile industry in Alabama; now  
14           therefore,

15           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mercedes-Benz U.S.  
17           International, Inc., is highly honored and commended, and this  
18           resolution is offered deepest admiration and appreciation,  
19           along with sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Dial