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3 By Senators Dial, Allen, Albritton, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
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8 RECOGNIZING MERCEDES-BENZ OF ALABAMA ON ITS 20TH
9 ANNIVERSARY.

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, November 2016 sales totaled 30,363
26 vehicles, up from 30,043 vehicles sold during the same month
27 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.