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3 By Senators Holtzclaw, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnut, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 28-FEB-17

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4 ENROLLED, SJR46,

5 RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2, 2017,
6 AS ALABAMA AEROSPACE WEEK.

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8 WHEREAS, the Alabama aerospace industry is a
9 powerful, reliable source of employment, innovation, and
10 export income, directly employing more than 25,000 people in
11 Alabama and supporting an additional 13,000 jobs in related
12 fields resulting in over \$244 million in annual state and
13 local tax revenues and accounting for 4.6 percent of the
14 state's manufacturing GDP; and

15 WHEREAS, Alabama was home to America's first
16 civilian flight school established by Orville and Wilbur
17 Wright in Montgomery; and

18 WHEREAS, Alabama builds space systems that have
19 elevated humankind beyond the constraints of Earth, from
20 landing on the Moon to targeting Mars and beyond; and

21 WHEREAS, Alabama was the training ground for the
22 heroic Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American military
23 aviators in the United States Armed Forces; and

24 WHEREAS, Alabama continues to host many superb sites
25 of air and space activity, including the U.S. Army Aviation

1 Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker and U.S. Army Material
2 Command, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, U.S. Army
3 Space and Missile Defense Command, and the Missile Defense
4 Agency at Redstone Arsenal, the U.S. Coast Guard Aviation
5 Training Center, U.S. Air Force's Maxwell-Gunter Air Force
6 Base, home to the Air University, NASA's Marshall Space Flight
7 Center, five commercial airports, and hundreds of general
8 aviation airports; and

9 WHEREAS, Alabama is recognized as the leader in
10 aerospace research, development, and education with the
11 premier institutions of Auburn University, The University of
12 Alabama, and the University of Alabama in Huntsville; and

13 WHEREAS, according to AUVSI's report titled, "The
14 Economic Impact of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration in
15 the United States," the UAS industry in Alabama is expected to
16 create 2,231 new jobs and \$1.77 billion in economic impact in
17 the first decade following UAS integration into the national
18 airspace; and

19 WHEREAS, Alabama's legacy of flight and its
20 contributions to America's space program inspire young
21 Alabamians to pursue degrees and careers in science,
22 technology, engineering, and mathematics, becoming the state's
23 next generation workforce; and

24 WHEREAS, the Aerospace States Association-Alabama
25 Chapter is sponsoring a week of events to highlight the

1 contributions of the aviation and aerospace community to
2 Alabama; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That for the contributions of the
5 aerospace industry to the history, economy, security, and
6 educational system of Alabama, this body declares the week of
7 February 28-March 2, 2017, to be celebrated as Alabama
8 Aerospace Week.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 28-FEB-17
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 02-MAR-17

By: Senator Holtzclaw