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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, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2, 2017,  
9 AS ALABAMA AEROSPACE WEEK.

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

18 WHEREAS, Alabama was home to America's first  
19 civilian flight school established by Orville and Wilbur  
20 Wright in Montgomery; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

26           WHEREAS, the Aerospace States Association-Alabama  
27 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.