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4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders,
7 Sanford, Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman,
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8 SUPPORTING THE CELEBRATION OF ALABAMA'S
9 BICENTENNIAL.

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11 WHEREAS, Alabama became our nation's twenty-second
12 state on the monumental day of December 14, 1819, and we deem
13 it appropriate and fitting that the State of Alabama celebrate
14 and memorialize this significant date and bicentennial
15 milestone; and

16 WHEREAS, the Alabama Bicentennial Commission has
17 been diligently working to prepare and implement a three-year
18 celebration of the places, people, and stories representative
19 of Alabama's prominent history; and

20 WHEREAS, the kick-off of the three-year celebration
21 of Alabama's Bicentennial will be held on March 3, 2017; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2017 we will celebrate the year of
23 exploring our places; from the Shoals to the shores, and
24 everywhere in between, Alabama is a land of beauty and
25 diversity; it includes mountains, beaches, prairies, forests,
26 and wetlands, and a crisscrossing of rivers and lakes; but it
27 is also the site of battlegrounds and front lines, historic

1 sites and monuments, and the home of small communities and
2 sprawling cities; in 2017, we will explore the places that
3 have shaped our past and promote the parks, museums, towns,
4 and historic sites that represent who we are; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2018 we will honor our people; whether
6 they lived here for centuries or came from far away,
7 Alabamians made this state their home, and their stories
8 reflect some of the most significant moments in both national
9 and world history; Alabamians are not only military heroes,
10 artists, and international icons, but also farmers, teachers,
11 ministers, and unsung hometown heroes who live in communities
12 across the state; 2018 will be the year to raise them up and
13 bring them home; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2019 we will celebrate the year of
15 sharing our stories; the bicentennial is the perfect time for
16 Alabamians to discover, preserve, and share their history; it
17 is also a great time to remember why we love our communities
18 and are proud of our people; it is time to make new stories;
19 we have a lot to tell; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby offer our support
22 for the celebration of Alabama's Bicentennial and the work of
23 the Alabama 200 Bicentennial Commission and encourage all
24 Alabamians to proudly recognize and celebrate our state's
25 Bicentennial Anniversary and reflect upon our multifaceted
26 culture and riveting narrative.