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8 RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
9 ON BEING THE HOST OF THE 2018 XXIII WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES AND
10 THE XII WINTER PARALYMPIC GAMES.
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12 WHEREAS, the XXIII Winter Olympic Games were held
13 February 9 to February 25, 2018, and the XII Winter Paralympic
14 Games will be held March 9 to March 18, 2018, in PyeongChang,
15 the Republic of Korea; and

16 WHEREAS, PyeongChang was selected as the host city
17 for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games on July 6, 2011; and

18 WHEREAS, the Winter Olympic Games were held in Korea
19 for the first time in 30 years after the Seoul Olympic Games
20 in 1988; and

21 WHEREAS, the world's best athletes competed on
22 Asia's center stage to launch new horizons of culture,
23 environment, geography, and economy in winter sports and
24 create a sustainable legacy for the Republic of Korea; and

25 WHEREAS, athletes taking part in the PyeongChang
26 2018 Winter Olympic Games competed in 102 events in 15 sport
27 disciplines, and athletes competing in the XII Winter

1 Paralympic Games will compete in the same number of events and
2 disciplines; this year marked the first Winter Olympic Games
3 with more than 100 gold medals; also, PyeongChang is the stage
4 for the greatest number of women's and mixed events in the
5 history of the Winter Olympic Games and Winter Paralympic
6 Games; and

7 WHEREAS, the 2018 United States Olympic Team
8 included approximately 240 athletes and featured a blend of
9 veteran and new talent and fielded athletes in all 15 sport
10 disciplines; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States Paralympic Team will
12 participate in the events of Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing,
13 Sled Hockey, Snowboarding, and Wheelchair Curling in the 2018
14 Winter Paralympic Games; and

15 WHEREAS, Christa Springs of Wetumpka, Alabama, and
16 John Zimmerman, IV, of Homewood, Alabama, have the utmost
17 distinction of serving as coaches in PyeongChang; and

18 WHEREAS, Alabama Korean Education and Economic
19 Partnership, [AKEEP], whose missions provides multicultural
20 diversity education, bridging the differences for economic
21 prosperity, offers Korean language education to Alabama's K-12
22 students; and

23 WHEREAS, more than 26,000 Alabama Koreans reside in
24 the State of Alabama, and more than 90 Korean companies along
25 with the major Korean automotive manufacturer, Hyundai,
26 provide more than 36,000 employments in the State of Alabama;
27 and

1 WHEREAS, the Federation of Korean Associations in
2 the SE USA represents more than 200,000 Korean Americans in
3 Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; now
4 therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and congratulate
7 the Republic of Korea on being the host of the XXIII Winter
8 Olympic Games and XII Winter Paralympic Games and wish the
9 country success with the expectation that these events have
10 contributed to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
12 Senate is authorized to make copies of this resolution
13 available to the volunteers, members, staff, and organizations
14 of Alabama Korea Education and Economic Partnership, the
15 Federation of Korean Associations in the Southeastern United
16 States and the Korea National Unification Council, Atlanta
17 Chapter.