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8 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S RECORD 2017 EXPORTS SALES AND  
9 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT  
10 PROFESSIONALS, TRADE STAKEHOLDERS, AND ALABAMA BUSINESSES THAT  
11 EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS.  
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13 WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to  
14 be one of the state's most powerful economic engines and job  
15 creators; and

16 WHEREAS, demonstrating an abiding dedication to  
17 productivity and growth, exports from Alabama were shipped to  
18 189 countries and totaled a record-high level of \$21.7 billion  
19 in 2017; and

20 WHEREAS, two-way trade between Alabama and the world  
21 totaled over \$45.34 billion during 2017; and

22 WHEREAS, the state ranked 22nd in the nation for  
23 dollar value of exports in 2017, moving one place forward from  
24 the previous year; and

25 WHEREAS, Alabama provides a variety of products  
26 worldwide, such as: Vehicles, transportation equipment,

1 agricultural products, chemicals, minerals, iron, steel,  
2 machinery, and paper products; and

3 WHEREAS, Alabama's largest export category,  
4 transportation equipment, rose from \$10.69 billion to \$10.9  
5 billion between 2016 and 2017, a growth of 1.96 percent; and

6 WHEREAS, Alabama exports are much sought after by  
7 international consumers and Alabama-produced products are  
8 second to none in quality and excellence; and

9 WHEREAS, international trade enhances the quality of  
10 life for all Alabamians, contributes to the state's prosperity  
11 and economic growth, and creates and sustains tens of  
12 thousands of high paying jobs; and

13 WHEREAS, we commend Alabama's professional trade  
14 community, the Alabama Department of Commerce, the Alabama  
15 Department of Agriculture and Industries, the Port of Mobile,  
16 trade organizations, trade research groups, manufacturing,  
17 agriculture, small businesses, and the hard-working men and  
18 women who are the backbone of Alabama's new record export  
19 revenues; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade enhances  
22 the quality of life for all Alabamians and contributes to the  
23 state's prosperity; we congratulate all those who contributed  
24 to Alabama's record-high exports in 2017; and we encourage the  
25 continued growth of Alabama's exports to the global  
26 marketplace.