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8 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S RECORD 2018 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
18 191 countries and totaled \$21.3 billion in 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, two-way trade between Alabama and the world
20 totaled over \$47.5 billion during 2018; and

21 WHEREAS, the state ranked 24th in the nation for
22 dollar value of exports in 2018; and

23 WHEREAS, Alabama provides a variety of products
24 worldwide, such as: Vehicles, transportation equipment,
25 agricultural products, chemicals, minerals, iron, steel,
26 machinery, and paper products; and

1 WHEREAS, Alabama's largest export category is
2 transportation equipment, totalling \$10 billion; and

3 WHEREAS, exports of Alabama-made aerospace products
4 continue to surge, rising 28 percent to \$2.4 billion, nearly
5 \$1 billion higher than in 2016; 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, the international trade sector signifies
10 the importance of exporting as a key factor in Alabama's
11 economy; and it enhances the quality of life for all
12 Alabamians, contributes to the state's prosperity, and creates
13 and sustains tens of thousands of high paying jobs; and

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

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade enhances
23 the quality of life for all Alabamians and contributes to the
24 state's economy and prosperity; we congratulate all those who
25 contributed to Alabama's record-high exports in 2018; and we
26 encourage the continued growth of Alabama's exports to the
27 global marketplace.

