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3 By Senators Livingston, Scofield, Givhan, Allen, Price,  
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5 Williams, Chambliss, Melson, Sessions, Elliott, Waggoner,  
6 Shelnut, Reed, Roberts, Beasley, Singleton, Burkette,  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR16,

5 COMMENDING THE FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS  
6 ACTIONS.

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8 WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, at 12:40 a.m., a call  
9 was received by the Jackson County 911 Center regarding a fire  
10 at the Jackson County Park Marina in Scottsboro, Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, the Scottsboro Fire Department, the  
12 Scottsboro/Jackson County Rescue Squad, the Scottsboro Police  
13 Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Highlands EMS,  
14 and the Jackson County EMA responded to the scene; and

15 WHEREAS, after arriving on the scene, finding heavy  
16 fire conditions and persons trapped, the first responders  
17 called for additional resources, including dive teams from the  
18 Guntersville Fire Department and Union Rescue Squad in  
19 Marshall County; and

20 WHEREAS, all of the organizations on the scene  
21 bravely worked together as a team attempting to save those who  
22 were entrapped and to extinguish the fire; despite their  
23 courageous actions eight lives were lost which resulted in one  
24 of the most tragic fire events in our state in the past 50  
25 years; and

1           WHEREAS, without the valiant efforts of the first  
2 responders who rescued seven victims, many more would have  
3 perished; and

4           WHEREAS, state and federal organizations, the  
5 Jackson County community, and private businesses have joined  
6 together to provide support and assist with the cleanup,  
7 investigation, and local recovery during and following this  
8 horrific event; and

9           WHEREAS, the dedication, courage, professionalism,  
10 and self-sacrifice of the firefighters, paramedics, police,  
11 sheriff's deputies, dive teams, and others who responded in  
12 this emergency helped relieve suffering and possibly save  
13 lives during this tragedy; now therefore,

14           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend  
16 all of those first responders and others for their brave  
17 actions, selfless acts of service, and compassion to help  
18 their fellow citizens during this difficult time.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Livingston