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3 By Senators Smitherman, Waggoner, Roberts, Shelnuttt and
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8 COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
9 FOR BEING NAMED 2021 FORBES BEST EMPLOYER.

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11 WHEREAS, highest congratulations are herein proudly
12 presented to the University of Alabama at Birmingham for its
13 many outstanding achievements; and

14 WHEREAS, the University of Alabama at Birmingham has
15 been named America's Number One Best Large Employer 2021 by
16 Forbes Magazine, topping the list of more than 500 public and
17 private corporations, hospitals, universities, Fortune 500
18 companies and more, across dozens of industries; Alabama's
19 largest employer and home to one of the region's largest
20 academic medical centers, UAB employs more than 23,000 people
21 across its university and hospital entities, has more than
22 22,000 enrolled students, and has an economic impact on the
23 state exceeding seven billion dollars; and

24 WHEREAS, UAB boasts many nationally ranked programs,
25 with 16 graduate and professional programs in the schools of
26 Health Professions, Nursing, Medicine, Engineering, Education,
27 Business, Public Health and the College of Arts and Sciences

1 all ranked in the 2020 U.S. News Best Graduate School
2 Rankings; the Master's degree in Health Administration
3 received the Number One ranking as the best in the country; it
4 is among the 20 largest hospitals in America; it is the only
5 American College of Surgeons Verified Adult Level One Trauma
6 Center in Alabama; eight of UAB's medical specialties have
7 been named in the nation's top 50 programs of their kind;
8 seven of those in the top 30, two noted as high performing;
9 UAB has the only National Cancer Institute designated
10 comprehensive cancer center in Alabama and its five state
11 region; and

12 WHEREAS, this honor in 2021 is even more special
13 knowing how the employees truly overcame the challenges amid
14 the Covid-19 pandemic, caring for our community and state, and
15 providing lifesaving care to become a leader in federal
16 research funding, ranking 20th in the nation in National
17 Institutes of Health funding to climb 11 places on the
18 National Institutes of Health rankings; only seven other
19 academic medical centers in the United States achieved this in
20 the same time frame, placing UAB among an elite group of eight
21 academic medical centers; and

22 WHEREAS, expert guidance and leadership was provided
23 by The University of Alabama System's Board of Trustees,
24 Chancellor Finis E. St. John IV, and UAB President Ray L.
25 Watts who attributes this honor to the employees, who pivoted
26 research priorities to fight the Covid-19 pandemic while
27 advancing academic entities in a hybrid learning approach; who

1 work with dedication to their vital mission everyday, helping
2 UAB to be a phenomenal place to work and to create new
3 knowledge to solve critical worldwide health issues; now
4 therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the University of Alabama at
7 Birmingham is highly congratulated and commended for its
8 achievements and we hereby dedicate this resolution in
9 heartiest admiration, along with best wishes for continued
10 success in all future endeavors.