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3 By Senators Waggoner, Allen, Orr, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Price, Reed, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Weaver, Whatley and Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR53,

5 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S 2021 EXPORT SALES AND
6 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT
7 PROFESSIONALS, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALABAMA BUSINESSES THAT
8 EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS.

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10 WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to
11 be one of the state's most powerful economic engines, surging
12 more than 21 percent in value than the previous year; and

13 WHEREAS, despite the challenge of these historic,
14 unprecedented times, Alabama has maintained and strengthened
15 its reputation as a reliable, world class exporter of the
16 finest products and services; Alabama has an integral role to
17 play in the worldwide recovery; and

18 WHEREAS, demonstrating an abiding dedication to
19 productivity and growth in an unparalleled and unpredictable
20 year of turbulence in global trade, exports of goods and
21 services from Alabama were shipped to 189 countries and
22 totaled \$20.9 billion in 2021; and

23 WHEREAS, Alabama ranked 24th in the nation for
24 dollar value of exports in 2021, moving up from 25th in 2020;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, two-way trade between Alabama and the world
2 totaled \$52.4 billion in 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, Alabama provides a variety of products
4 worldwide, such as, vehicles, transportation equipment,
5 agricultural products, chemicals, minerals, iron, steel,
6 machinery, and paper products; and

7 WHEREAS, Alabama's number one export category is
8 transportation equipment, jumping 25 percent to reach \$10.35
9 billion; and

10 WHEREAS, other significant export gains in 2021
11 include chemicals \$2.3 billion, forest products \$1.5 billion,
12 primary metals manufacturing \$1.3 billion, and non-electrical
13 machinery \$1.1 billion; and

14 WHEREAS, the worldwide demand for quality goods and
15 services in Alabama exports are much sought after by
16 international consumers and Alabama-based products are second
17 to none in quality and excellence and Alabama's unique ability
18 to meet worldwide demand; and

19 WHEREAS, Alabama's business community, long known
20 for its resilience and ability to innovate during the
21 unprecedented times, continues to make strides that promise
22 long term growth in 2022; and

23 WHEREAS, we recognize and commend Alabama's
24 trade/export professionals; the Alabama Department of
25 Commerce, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and

1 Industries, the Port of Mobile, Export Alabama Alliance, trade
2 organization and trade research groups; Alabama's
3 manufacturing and transportation sectors, agriculture, and
4 small businesses that export their products worldwide; and the
5 hard working men and women who are the backbone of Alabama's
6 export and trade sector; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade enhances
9 the quality of life for all Alabamians and contributes to the
10 state's economy and prosperity, and sustains thousands of high
11 paying jobs; we congratulate all of those who contributed to
12 Alabama's exports performance in 2021; and we encourage the
13 continued growth of Alabama's exports to the global
14 marketplace.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 24-FEB-22
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Waggoner