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8 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S 2021 EXPORT SALES AND  
9 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT  
10 PROFESSIONALS, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS, 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, surging  
15 more than 21 percent in value than the previous year; and

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

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

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

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

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

10          WHEREAS, Alabama's number one export category is  
11 transportation equipment, jumping 25 percent to reach \$10.35  
12 billion; and

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

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

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

26          WHEREAS, we recognize and commend Alabama's  
27 trade/export professionals; the Alabama Department of

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

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