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HJR_____ SUPPORTING THE REPAIR AND CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF
WILSON LOCK ON THE TENNESSEE RIVER.

WHEREAS, The State of Alabama recognizes the immense impact Wilson Lock has on agriculture, industry, recreation, both interstate and intrastate commerce, the economic interests of the state, and the State of Alabama as a whole; the Tennessee River serves the entire northern portion of the state as a vital artery connecting the state to not only the rest of the nation but the entire world as part of the Mississippi River Drainage; the Tennessee River is only made navigable by dams such as Wilson Lock and Dam; the many businesses and industries located along the river, including the cutting edge aerospace companies that are located in this northern portion of the state, depend upon the Tennessee River for the transport of their goods; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Lock is currently operating under a temporary guard wall solution, a permanent resolution is needed to restore the lock to normal operations to support the contributions the lock provides to the state; without Wilson Lock being fully operational, the state stands to lose one of its most vital connections to the nation and



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26 world; the loss of such connection would cause potentially
27 irreparable damage to the state; now therefore,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
29 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Wilson Lock is of national
30 significance and we lend our support in whatever fashion the
31 state deems appropriate to help in this matter, and we fully
32 stand behind the industries of this state that so heavily
33 depend upon this lock.