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SJR___ COMMENDING ALABAMA'S 2022 RECORD EXPORT SALES AND
RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT
PROFESSIONALS, TRADE PARTERNSHIPS, AND ALABMA BUSINESSES
THAT EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to
be one of the state's most powerful economic engines,
setting a new record of \$25.5 billion in 2022 and having
increased by 47 percent since 2020; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges of these uncertain
economic times, Alabaman has maintained and strengthened its
reputation as a reliable, world class exporter of the finest
products and services; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating an abiding dedication to
productivity and growth in an unpredictable year of
turbulence in global trade, exports of goods and services
from Alabama were shipped to 196 countries; and

WHEREAS, Alabama exports a variety of products
worldwide, such as vehicles, transportation equipment,
agricultural products, chemicals, minerals, iron, steel,
machinery, and paper products; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's number one export is



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26 transportation equipment at \$11.4 billion, a nine percent
27 increase over the prior year's sales; and

28 WHEREAS, other significant export gains in 2022
29 include chemicals at \$2.7 billion, forest products at \$1.6
30 billion, and minerals and ores at \$2 billion; and

31 WHEREAS, the worldwide demand for quality goods and
32 services in Alabama exports continues to be sought after by
33 international consumers, and Alabama-based products are
34 second to none in quality; and

35 WHEREAS, Alabama's business community, long known for
36 its resilience and ability to innovate during the
37 unprecedented times, will promise long term growth in 2023;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, we recognize the service of Alabama's
40 trade/export professionals; the Alabama Department of
41 Commerce, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and
42 Industries, the Port of Mobile, Export Alabama Alliance,
43 trade organization, and trade research groups; Alabama's
44 manufacturing and transportation sectors, agriculture, and
45 small businesses that export their products worldwide; and
46 the hard-working men and women who are the backbone of
47 Alabama's export and trade sector; now therefore,

48 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
49 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade
50 contributes significantly to the state's economy and



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51 sustains thousands of high paying jobs; we congratulate all
52 of those who contributed to Alabama's record export
53 performance, and we encourage the continued growth of
54 Alabama's "Made in Alabama" brand of exports to the global
55 marketplace.