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SJR___ SUPPORTING THE WEEK OF APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 2023, AS
NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AND COMMENDING SMALL BUSINESS
OWNERS OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, 2023 marks the 60th Anniversary of National
Small Business Week; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the multitude of products,
resolve, and ingenuity of American small businesses,
entrepreneurs, and workers; and

WHEREAS, American small businesses have been
critical in revitalizing economically distressed areas; and

WHEREAS, our nation's small businesses are at the
very core of our free market and prosperity, creating jobs
and providing jobs and benefits to workers and their
families; and

WHEREAS, with over 408,000 small businesses in the
State of Alabama, small business owners employ 47 percent of
the state's private sector workforce, and small businesses
account for 99.4 percent of Alabama businesses; and

WHEREAS, over the last 25 years, Alabama small
business employment has grown by nearly 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, small businesses in the United States employ



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26 half of the workforce of the United States and make up 99.7
27 percent of all employees in the United States; and

28 WHEREAS, small businesses produce one-third of the
29 exports of the United States and account for nearly half of
30 private sector output, and Alabama small firms exported
31 goods worth over \$2 billion; and

32 WHEREAS, 9.1 percent of all small business owners
33 are veterans; and

34 WHEREAS, women make up 47 percent of small business
35 workers and own 43 percent of small businesses; and

36 WHEREAS, two out of every three new jobs in the
37 United States are created by small businesses; now
38 therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
40 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support the week of April
41 30 - May 6, 2023, as National Small Business Week; we
42 encourage all residents of Alabama to: (1) celebrate the
43 entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners in Alabama
44 and our nation who have chartered their own course to
45 provide jobs and bright futures for millions of American
46 workers; (2) understand the importance of creating a small
47 business climate that allows for sustained economic
48 recovery; (3) celebrate the invaluable contribution that
49 small businesses make to the United States and to Alabama as
50 the backbone of the economy; (4) support increasing consumer



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51 awareness of the value and opportunity that small businesses
52 bring to their local communities; and (5) understand the
53 importance of providing more access and resources to
54 minority-owned and underserved firms.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge our fellow
56 citizens to recognize the critical contributions of
57 Alabama's small businesses, entrepreneurs, and small
58 business owners as they grow Alabama and our nation's
59 economy.

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