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SJR___ RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE AND ITS
ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE.

WHEREAS, emerging technologies are driving the
creation of the industries of the future, and new
technologies are transforming every area of our lives; and

WHEREAS, with great pride and pleasure, we recognize
Alabama's technology and the emerging technology job
sector's impact on the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the resources that are invested into
Alabama's technology industry and advanced, emerging
technologies are critical to creating the industries of the
future, including autonomous cars, technology manufacturing,
and algorithms for disease diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's technology sector has grown with
more than 88,000 technology employees; technology accounts
for approximately five percent of Alabama's overall
workforce; Alabama's technology sector has an estimated
direct economic impact of \$10.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, the broad-based impact of the technology
industry touches every community, company, and industry
market across Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has seen a 57 percent increase in
the number of job postings related to emerging technologies,
smart cities, drones, artificial intelligence, virtual and



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29 augmented reality, and blockchain; and

30 WHEREAS, studies report that net new technology
31 employment in Alabama will grow by nearly 2 percent, and by
32 the year 2026, net technology employment will have grown by
33 6.8 percent in Alabama; and

34 WHEREAS, Alabama's technology workforce has a
35 positive economic impact on the state; now therefore,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
37 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Alabama's technology sector,
38 technology innovators, and technology job creators are
39 commended, and this resolution is dedicated to them in
40 highest esteem and gratitude.