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2 By Representative Lamb
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 COMMENDING GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ALABAMA ON ITS 175
5 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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7 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature, recognizing the
8 importance of the role of geology and geologically related
9 natural resources to the future prosperity and growth of the
10 state, established the Office of the State Geologist of
11 Alabama in a Joint Resolution signed by Governor Reuben
12 Chapman on January 4, 1848; and

13 WHEREAS, geoscientific endeavor is fundamentally
14 important to societal well-being and resilience and
15 essential to identifying, delineating, developing, and
16 conserving Alabama's abundant but finite mineral, energy,
17 biological, and water resources; and

18 WHEREAS, geoscientific knowledge and input are
19 necessary for our citizens and policymakers to make wise
20 decisions regarding land management and land use, are
21 integral for protection and preservation of ecosystems,
22 habitats, and environmentally sensitive areas, and provide
23 the basis for understanding and mitigating natural hazards
24 and fostering resilience; and

25 WHEREAS, the Geological Survey of Alabama, the oldest
26 scientific agency of the State of Alabama, has published
27 more than 1,250 reports and maps, thereby contributing to
28 the prosperity, economy, and future of the state by



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29 providing the citizens and policymakers of Alabama and other
30 stakeholders with accurate information on Alabama's
31 important mineral, water, energy, and biological resources;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, in its 175-year history, the Geological
34 Survey of Alabama has had eight state geologists who have
35 provided dedication, foresight, and longevity, as well as
36 continuity of service to the citizens of Alabama; and

37 WHEREAS, this tradition of dedicated service to the
38 people of Alabama was initiated by Michael Tuomey and has
39 been continued by his seven successors, Eugene Allen Smith,
40 Walter B. Jones, Philip E. LaMoreaux, Thomas J. Joiner,
41 Ernest A. Mancini, Donald F. Oltz, and present State
42 Geologist, Berry H. "Nick" Tew, Jr.; and

43 WHEREAS, the corps of dedicated, talented, and
44 skilled employees of the Geological Survey of Alabama work
45 daily to keep Alabama in the forefront of science,
46 technology, and information that is critical to Alabama's
47 future success and prosperity; and

48 WHEREAS, the Geological Survey of Alabama, its
49 dedicated staff, and friends and stakeholders of the agency
50 are proud to celebrate 175 years of service to the great
51 State of Alabama; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
53 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That highest commendation is
54 hereby extended to the Geological Survey of Alabama, its
55 officers, and staff members, and, by copy of this



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56 resolution, we offer our sincere best wishes for continued
57 success.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 19-Jul-23.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

20-Jul-23

Adopted