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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Geological Survey of Alabama, the oldest scientific agency of the State of Alabama, has published more than 1,250 reports and maps, thereby contributing to 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.