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SJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING ALABAMA'S 2023 RECORD EXPORT SALES AND  
RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT  
PROFESSIONALS, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALABAMA 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 \$27.4 billion in 2023; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges of uncertain global  
trade issues, Alabama has maintained and strengthened its  
reputation as a reliable, world class exporter of the finest  
goods and services, underscoring the resilience of Alabama's  
economy; and

WHEREAS, to meet international consumer demands,  
Alabama exports of goods and services from Alabama were  
shipped to 190 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 category is  
transportation equipment at \$14.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, other aerospace products and parts have  
increased in sales to \$2.1 billion, a rise of 23 percent  
from 2022; and

WHEREAS, there is a worldwide demand for quality



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29 goods and services; Alabama exports are much sought after by  
30 international consumers; and Alabama-based products are  
31 second to none in quality; and

32 WHEREAS, Alabama's business community, long known for  
33 its resilience and ability to innovate during recent  
34 unprecedented times, will promise long-term growth in 2024;  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, we recognize the dedication and  
37 professionalism of Alabama's trade and export professionals,  
38 including, the Alabama Department of Commerce, the Alabama  
39 Department of Agriculture and Industries, the Port of  
40 Mobile, Export Alabama Alliance, trade organizations, and  
41 trade research groups; Alabama's manufacturing and  
42 transportation sectors, agriculture, and small businesses  
43 that export their products worldwide; and the hard working  
44 men and women who are the backbone of Alabama's export and  
45 trade sector; now therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
47 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade  
48 contributes significantly to the state's economy and  
49 sustains thousands of high paying jobs; we congratulate all  
50 of those who have contributed to Alabama's record 2023  
51 export performance, and we encourage the continued growth of  
52 Alabama's "Made in Alabama" brand of exports to the global  
53 marketplace.