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SJR___ COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALABAMA
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are warmly extended to
the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission (AIAC) on the occasion
of its 40th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, signed into law by Governor Wallace on May
7, 1984, Act No. 84-257 recognized the unique cultural and
sociological needs of Alabama's "invisible minority"; the
Legislature specifically charged the newly created
commission to deal fairly and effectively with Indian
affairs; to bring local, state, and federal resources into
focus for Indian citizens of the State of Alabama; to
provide aid to assist Indian Communities; and to promote
recognition of the rights of Indians to pursue cultural and
religious traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission
represents more than 35,000 American Indian families who are
residents of the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, recognized Tribes include: Machis Lower
Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, Echota Cherokee Tribe of
Alabama, Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama, Poarch Band of
Creek Indians, Mowa Band of Choctaw Indians, Southeastern
Mvskoke Nation, Cher-O-Creek Intra Tribal Indians, Piqua
Shawnee Tribe, and the United Cherokee Ani-Yun-WiYa Nation;



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29 and

30 WHEREAS, noting the Legislature's charge for action,
31 AIAC is placed in a service, liaison, and advocacy role
32 between the various departments of state and federal
33 governments and the Indian people of Alabama's tribal
34 communities; and

35 WHEREAS, AIAC stands to represent the Indian people
36 of Alabama who wish to stand together with their fellow
37 Alabama citizens while maintaining their own cultural and
38 ethnic heritage; now therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
40 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Indian Affairs
41 Commission is honored and commended on the occasion of its
42 40th Anniversary, and this resolution is offered in highest
43 tribute, as well as with sincere best wishes for continued
44 success in the future.