

HJR278 ENROLLED



1 HJR278
2 CXYMLQJ-2
3 By Representative Ensler
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 22-Apr-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 RECOGNIZING RHEEM MANUFACTURING COMPANY ON ITS 100TH
4 ANNIVERSARY.

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6 WHEREAS, this Legislature takes great pride in
7 recognizing businesses that have contributed to the growth
8 of the this great state; Rheem Manufacturing Company has
9 dedicated 100 years in providing jobs and serving the people
10 of Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1925, Rheem Manufacturing Company was
12 founded in Emeryville, California, by brothers William,
13 Richard, and Donald Rheem; Rheem's original focus was
14 galvanizing steel drums and other metal products; in the
15 following years, Rheem grew by adding several new business
16 lines, including shipping containers, bathroom fixtures,
17 defense equipment, and musical instruments; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1930, Rheem began full-scale
19 manufacturing of water heaters, boilers, and tanks; in 1937,
20 Rheem expanded internationally, opening a manufacturing
21 facility in Australia to produce shipping containers and
22 household appliances; and

23 WHEREAS, sensing a growing demand for central heating
24 and cooling systems, the company began developing its first
25 heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems in the
26 1950s; and

27 WHEREAS, in October 1971, Rheem broke ground on a
28 200,000 square foot manufacturing plant in Montgomery,



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Alabama, to produce water heaters; since its opening in April 1972, the plant has completed two major expansions, manufacturing both residential and commercial water heating systems; and

WHEREAS, the Rheem Montgomery Plant has proudly provided continuous, uninterrupted business and job growth in Montgomery for the last 54 years; when the plant opened, Rheem employed 200 people; today, the Rheem family has grown to more than quadruple that number with over 900 team members; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Rheem and its employees have proudly supported many nonprofit organizations that serve the greater Montgomery Community, including Habitat for Humanity, Toys for Tots, The United Way, Prattville YMCA, and the Joy to Life Foundation's Walk of Life; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Rheem acquired Heat Transfer Products Group (HTPG), located in Scottsboro, Alabama; HTPG is a leading manufacturer of energy efficient commercial and industrial refrigeration equipment; and

WHEREAS, HTPG employees give back to the Scottsboro Community through an annual 5k "Superhero" road race, supporting the Jackson County Children's Advocacy Center and Earth Day events to improve the Scottsboro Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, today, Rheem has over 14,000 employees, 50 global brands, and manufacturing and distribution of its products in more than 88 countries; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH



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57 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we highly commend and
58 congratulate Rheem Manufacturing Company after a century of
59 highly-skilled work, while providing countless jobs and
60 opportunities to workers and sustaining a mission of
61 supporting the community and people who make it all
62 possible.



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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 29-Apr-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

06-May-25

Adopted