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3 By Representative Ensler
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HJR___ RECOGNIZING RHEEM MANUFACTURING COMPANY ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in October 1971, Rheem broke ground on a



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29 200,000 square foot manufacturing plant in Montgomery,
30 Alabama, to produce water heaters; since its opening in
31 April 1972, the plant has completed two major expansions,
32 manufacturing both residential and commercial water heating
33 systems; and

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

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

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

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

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



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