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4 HR_____ PROMOTING AN INCREASED TRADE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
5 STATE OF ALABAMA AND THE PORT OF BAR, MONTENEGRO.
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7 WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to
8 be one of the state's most powerful economic engines; and

9 WHEREAS, the Port of Bar in Montenegro is
10 strategically located as an access point to the Balkan
11 peninsula; and

12 WHEREAS, increasing the trade relationship that
13 Alabama has with Montenegro and the Port of Bar would
14 promote the exchange of ideas as well as goods; it would
15 also serve to expand the Port of Bar's resources as it seeks
16 to undertake transformation from a public-sector owned port
17 to one that is either privatized or partially privatized;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, increasing cooperation and trade between the
20 State of Alabama and the Port of Bar could enhance the
21 port's position with U.S. investor groups, supported by
22 United States diplomatic and economic policy; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That a trade collaboration would
25 stimulate opportunities for greater investment, expanded
26 trade, and traffic between the State of Alabama and the Port
27 of Bar.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an MOU between the State



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of Alabama and the Port of Bar could include such areas of cooperation, including, but not limited to:

(1) A collaboration and exchange of information pertaining to:

- a. Infrastructure and development;
- b. Administration and marketing; and
- c. Expansion of different cargo and cruise operations.

(2) Establishing working groups for the exchange of security information, ship, cargo, and passenger manifest traffic, to strengthen the safety and security of international ports worldwide.

(3) Creating mutual opportunities for technical and financial incentives to expand and develop specific types of cargo and vessel traffic between the State of Alabama and the Port of Bar.

(4) Allowing the Port of Bar and the State of Alabama to benefit from regional and international cooperation promoting the interests of each stakeholder.

(5) Establishing cooperation on best practices for economic development and the growth of multi-modal operations, to include city-port relations.