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4 HR_____ COMMENDING RICK CLARK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF
5 OPERATING OFFICER OF THE ALABAMA PORT AUTHORITY.
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7 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, Rick
8 Clark, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer of the
9 Alabama Port Authority, is highly commended for the work
10 that he and his team contribute to increasing the

11 accessibility, capabilities, and value of Alabama's Port of
12 Mobile and its connectivity to international markets; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark is a native of Mobile, Alabama,
14 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business
15 Management from Trinity Southern University; he also
16 attended the University of South Alabama and the Merchant
17 Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York; Rick Clark joined
18 the Alabama Port Authority in 2019 with more than 30 years
19 of maritime industry experience; he previously served as
20 interim Chief Operating Officer and U.S. Manager of
21 Operations for GT USA, where he led the execution of GT's
22 first customer contract with SpaceX at their multipurpose
23 cargo terminal in Port Canaveral, Florida; he began his
24 career at Cooper T. Smith in New Orleans, Louisiana, before
25 joining Puerto Rico Marine Management, Incorporated, to
26 direct the company's terminal, cargo, and warehouse
27 operations; and

28 WHEREAS, since joining the Alabama Port Authority,



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Mr. Clark has been involved in major projects, including the project to deepen and widen the Port of Mobile and the Montgomery Rail Facility, which had its groundbreaking ceremony in February 2025; the new facility is a partnership with CSX Railroad and will serve as a hub to move containerized cargo to and from the port; the project, announced in 2022, has attracted over \$3 billion in economic development investments from private companies; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Port Authority serves all 67 counties in the State of Alabama and oversees the deep-water public port facilities at the Port of Mobile; in addition to the interstate system, the Port Authority's container, general cargo, and bulk facilities have immediate access to five Class I railroads, four short-line railroads, and nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterways; the channel deepening and widening project is on track to be completed this year, making the Port of Mobile the deepest in the Gulf; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Alabama Port Authority's Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, Rick Clark, is highly commended for the knowledge and expertise that he has brought to the State of Alabama and the work he has done to provide a prosperous and resilient future to the state and its residents.