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3 By Senator Smitherman
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4 SJR___ ENCOURAGING LOCAL AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO HELP NORTH
5 CAROLINA WITH THE REMOVAL OF HURRICANE DEBRIS.
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7 WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene made landfall as a Category
8 4 Hurricane on September 26, 2024; it was the deadliest
9 Atlantic Hurricane since Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the
10 deadliest to strike the mainland United States since
11 Hurricane Katrina in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, Helene moved quickly inland and degenerated
13 to a post-tropical cyclone where it stalled over east
14 Tennessee and west North Carolina, causing catastrophic
15 flooding and landslides and spawning eight tornadoes in the
16 state; and

17 WHEREAS, North Carolina continues to need assistance
18 with its clean-up and rebuilding efforts; the State of
19 Alabama sent relief personnel in 2024, but we can give
20 further assistance today; and

21 WHEREAS, Sylvan Springs landfill is capable of
22 assisting by accepting excess debris from North Carolina;
23 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, and state and local
24 agencies involved in the contracting for debris removal may
25 use railroad cargo or any other means to transport the
26 debris to Alabama's landfills, specifically the Sylvan
27 Springs landfill; now therefore,



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28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
29 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body encourages local,
30 state, and federal agencies to help North Carolina with the
31 removal of hurricane debris to the Sylvan Springs landfill.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
33 resolution be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA
34 Headquarters, state and local agencies and decision makers
35 whose purpose is to support natural disasters, and any other
36 private, public, or government entity who has access to
37 resources to help in this endeavor.