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HR_____ COMMENDING SENATORS KATIE BRITT AND TOMMY TUBERVILLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF, AND URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO FACILITATE, TRANSPORTING GOODS VIA THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER.

WHEREAS, Alabama's ability to efficiently and effectively transport goods in both interstate and intrastate commerce along its waterways has long contributed to this state's economic success; and

WHEREAS, the uninterrupted movement of commercial navigation, energy resources, agricultural commodities, and manufactured goods depends upon a robust waterway transportation network, with the Port of Mobile serving as a vital gateway that supports employment, industry, and economic growth within Alabama and the broader region; and

WHEREAS, agriculture has historically been one of Alabama's largest and most economically prosperous industries, due in large part to the strength of the state's waterway transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, both the state's agriculture industry and its overall economic outlook depend, in significant part, upon the ability to efficiently transport goods within and beyond Alabama via these critical economic corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Chattahoochee River represents a vital yet underutilized transportation asset with the potential to



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29 enhance supply chain efficiency, reduce congestion on
30 highways, and provide cost-effective shipping alternatives
31 for Alabama businesses; and

32 WHEREAS, recent federal support for improvements to
33 the Chattahoochee River infrastructure reflects a strong
34 commitment by Alabama's United States Senators Katie Britt
35 and Tommy Tuberville to strengthen the state's economic
36 competitiveness and infrastructure capacity; and

37 WHEREAS, timely action by the United States Army
38 Corps of Engineers is essential to ensuring that necessary
39 permitting, dredging, and related processes are completed
40 efficiently so that commercial navigation along the
41 Chattahoochee River may be restored and expanded; now
42 therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
44 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby express our sincere
45 gratitude to the United States Senators Katie Britt and
46 Tommy Tuberville for their leadership and support in
47 securing funding for improvements to the Chattahoochee River
48 infrastructure.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we respectfully urge the
50 United States Army Corps of Engineers to prioritize and
51 expedite all necessary permitting and regulatory processes
52 to facilitate the timely reopening and enhancement of
53 commercial navigation along the Chattahoochee River for the
54 benefit of Alabama businesses and industries.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage the Alabama
56 Agribusiness Council and the Coalition of Alabama Waterways



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57 Association to report benefits associated with increasing
58 the transportation of agricultural and other goods along the
59 Chattahoochee River, and to provide recommendations for
60 maximizing its use as a strategic transportation corridor.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
62 resolution be transmitted to the members of Alabama's
63 congressional delegation and the United States Army Corps of
64 Engineers.