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SJR___ RECOGNIZING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE NATIONAL DEBT AND ITS THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY.

WHEREAS, in October 2025, the outstanding public debt of the U.S. totaled more than \$38.5 trillion, with public debt equaling 122.5 percent of gross domestic product and the debt owed per citizen rising to \$110,000; and

WHEREAS, more than \$9.3 trillion of the federal debt is owned by individuals not located in the U.S., including more than \$700 billion owned by individuals in China; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2025, the U.S. had a deficit of \$1.78 trillion after the U.S. Congress failed to pass a balanced budget and federal tax receipts totaled \$5.23 trillion, short of the federal outlays totaling \$7.01 trillion; and

WHEREAS, the Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees project that the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will all be depleted in 2033 and 2034; and

WHEREAS, improvements in the business climate in populous countries and aging populations around the world will likely contribute to higher global interest rates, which would squeeze all U.S. policy priorities, including defense and foreign policy; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2011, former Chairman of



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29 the Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael Mullen warned, "the
30 single, biggest threat to our national security is debt";
31 and

32 WHEREAS, on March 6, 2018, then-Director of National
33 Intelligence Dan Coats warned, "Our continued plunge into
34 debt is unsustainable and represents a dire future threat to
35 our economy and to our national security"; and

36 WHEREAS, the last federal budget surplus occurred in
37 2001 and the continued rise in the national debt is a major
38 concern across Alabama and around the country; now
39 therefore,

40 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
41 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the State of Alabama
42 recognizes that the national debt is a threat to the
43 national security of the United States and urges the United
44 States Congress to commit to establishing an effective
45 regular order for budgeting.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
47 Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to
48 each member of Alabama's Congressional delegation.