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SJR___ URGING THE ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO PROVIDE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE STATE LOGGING EFFICIENCY GRANT FUND.

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature values the impact of forestry on the State of Alabama, which generates over \$36,000,000,000 in annual economic impact and over \$8,000,000,000 in annual labor income derived from over 23.1 million acres of timberland; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature recognizes that the forestry industry needs a vibrant and healthy rural infrastructure in order to get its raw material to forest product manufacturers in a timely and cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Alabama Legislature enacted the Rural Logging Efficiency Act, Act 2023-524 of the 2023 Regular Session, which set forth that "in order to have a successful forest product manufacturing sector, it is imperative that the supply chain for forest raw materials be as competitive and efficient as possible"; and

WHEREAS, according to the Rural Logging Efficiency Act, the Legislature's intent in adopting the act was to provide a stable funding source for maintaining, repairing, replacing, and constructing public rural bridges that may not qualify for funding through traditional funding



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29 formulas; and

30 WHEREAS, the act created the Logging Efficiency Grant
31 Fund in the State Treasury, which consists of monies from
32 grants, gifts, bequests, or donations made to the fund from
33 any source as well as all other lawful sources; and

34 WHEREAS, additional funds, including from federal
35 sources, would help support the infrastructure necessary to
36 ensure the Alabama logging and forestry industry continues
37 to thrive; now therefore,

38 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
39 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the Alabama
40 Congressional Delegation to identify and provide federal
41 funds, either through grants or direct appropriations, which
42 may be used by the state to address the construction,
43 replacement, or repair of rural bridges and to direct such
44 funds to the State's Logging Efficiency Grant Fund.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
46 resolution be provided to each United States Senator and
47 United States Representative of the Alabama Congressional
48 Delegation.