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3 By Senator Waggoner
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR___ COMMENDING THE STATE OF ALABAMA ON A RECORD-BREAKING
5 YEAR FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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7 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has achieved an
8 unprecedented level of economic success in 2025, marking the
9 most significant year for industrial growth and capital
10 investment in communities across the state; and

11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Commerce annual
12 report lists 234 projects last year that combined for a
13 total capital investment of \$14.6 billion, along with 9,388
14 new job commitments, providing life-changing opportunities
15 for Alabamians and strengthening the state's workforce; and

16 WHEREAS, growth was seen in a wide array of business
17 sectors, such as biosciences, technology, metals and
18 advanced materials, automotive and aerospace, forestry and
19 wood products, and more; and

20 WHEREAS, the year was highlighted by historic
21 milestones, including the \$6 billion pharmaceutical
22 investment by Eli Lilly and Company in Huntsville and
23 Limestone County, representing the largest initial
24 investment in state history, and major expansions by
25 ArcelorMittal, Owens Corning, and Georgia Pacific; and

26 WHEREAS, ArcelorMittal is investing \$1.2 billion to
27 build a facility in Mobile County to produce a specialty
28 electrical steel that is used in EV motors and other



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29 applications; the project will create more than 200 jobs;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Owens Corning plans to open a \$325 million
32 state-of-the-art shingle manufacturing plant in Prattville
33 that will add 89 jobs in Autauga County; and

34 WHEREAS, Georgia Pacific plans to spend \$800 million
35 in Monroe County to modernize, expand, and streamline
36 production capabilities at the company's Alabama River
37 cellulose mill; the project will make the Perdue Hill
38 facility the largest softwood pulp mill in the United
39 States; and

40 WHEREAS, the strategic implementation of initiatives
41 such as Growing Alabama and SEEDS (Site Evaluation Economic
42 Development Strategy) has empowered both urban and rural
43 counties, with rural areas alone attracting \$2 billion in
44 new investment and 2,011 job opportunities; and

45 WHEREAS, Alabama is noted as a premier destination
46 for global commerce; the report showed a total of \$3.6
47 billion in foreign direct investment projects in 2025 that
48 are set to create 2,274 new job opportunities; and

49 WHEREAS, this record-breaking year reflects the
50 tireless dedication of state and local leaders to create an
51 environment that fosters innovation and prosperity for all
52 residents of the state; now therefore,

53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
54 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and
55 celebrate the State of Alabama on its impressive year for
56 economic development and express our profound gratitude to



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57 the partners and industries that have chosen to invest in
58 Alabama's future.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 24-Feb-26

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

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By: Senator Waggoner