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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, ArcelorMittal is investing \$1.2 billion to build a facility in Mobile County to produce a specialty 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.