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SJR___ RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST
TELEPHONE CALL AND THE FOUNDING OF AT&T.

WHEREAS, March 10, 2026, marks the 150th anniversary
of the first telephone call and the founding of the American
Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell
placed the first telephone call to his assistant, Thomas
Watson, speaking the historic words, "Mr. Watson, come here.
I want to see you," thereby ushering in a new era of
communication; and

WHEREAS, over the past 150 years, telecommunications
innovation has transformed how individuals live, how
businesses operate, and how communities connect across the
United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, AT&T has been a leading force in advancing
connectivity and communications throughout the United States
for a century and a half; and

WHEREAS, AT&T has evolved from a landline telephone
provider into a wireless, broadband, and media company, yet
its mission has remained constant: to serve Americans by
providing the connectivity necessary to stay informed,
productive, and connected; and

WHEREAS, what began as a single phone call in 1876
has grown into an essential part of everyday life, enabling



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29 individuals, families, businesses, and communities to remain
30 connected; and

31 WHEREAS, continued investment in modern
32 communications networks and high-speed broadband
33 infrastructure is essential to expanding access to
34 education, telemedicine, health care, and economic
35 opportunity for the residents of Alabama; now therefore,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
37 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend AT&T on its 150th
38 Anniversary and express our deep appreciation for a century
39 and a half of innovation and investment in the people and
40 the future of the Great State of Alabama.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage AT&T and
42 other companies to continue investing in innovation and
43 infrastructure within the State of Alabama.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That educators are encouraged
45 to share this resolution with students to inspire interest
46 in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and to
47 prepare future generations to lead in emerging fields,
48 including artificial intelligence and next-generation
49 communications.