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6 Farley, Treadaway, Standridge, Rich, Rowe, Weaver, Harper,
7 Butler, Wood, Forte, Buskey, Moore (B), Faust, Wilcox, Ball,
8 Tuggle, Hanes, Wadsworth, Millican, Martin, Crawford, Moore
9 (M), Rogers, Ellis, Brown, Drake, Ledbetter, Baker, Ainsworth,
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

IN SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION OF ALABAMA'S IRON AND
STEEL INDUSTRY.

WHEREAS, manufacturing is a critical part of
Alabama's economy and a leading contributor to employment, new
job creation, innovation, and capital investment; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's industrial heritage is directly
attributable to its remarkable history of iron production and
steelmaking; and

WHEREAS, Alabama as a state is a leading
manufacturer of steel, and has long been considered the
ductile iron pipe capital of the world; and

WHEREAS, the average iron and steel manufacturing
job in Alabama accounts for over \$95,000 in individual annual
wages and supports nearly seven additional indirect jobs; and

WHEREAS, iron and steel, the world's most recycled
materials, are fundamental to everyday life, routine
functions, and other facets of the United States and Alabama
economies, including automobiles, surface transportation
infrastructure, clean water and waste water systems, energy
production and transmission, building materials and
appliances, as well as the public safety and national defense
sectors; and

1 WHEREAS, despite employing leading technical
2 innovations and operating the world's cleanest and most
3 efficient iron and steel making facilities, domestic producers
4 are experiencing significant injury due to unfair and often
5 illegal global trade practices and market conditions; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a tremendous amount of
7 overcapacity in the global iron and steel market as foreign,
8 government-subsidized companies continue to produce without
9 product demand; and

10 WHEREAS, foreign countries and foreign manufacturers
11 often employ illegal trade schemes and market distorting
12 practices; and

13 WHEREAS, foreign iron and steel products are being
14 dumped into the United States at a record pace and are
15 accounting for a historically high portion of the domestic
16 market; and

17 WHEREAS, imports are continuing to increase, as
18 total tonnage in 2017 was higher than that of 2016; and

19 WHEREAS, these global market conditions have
20 resulted in a significant loss of high-paying jobs in Alabama
21 and across the country; and

22 WHEREAS, it should be noted that domestic iron and
23 steel manufacturers are not seeking protectionism or special
24 treatment, but only a level field of competition through the
25 enforcement of applicable law; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we fully recognize the
3 importance of domestic iron and steel manufacturing in Alabama
4 and across the United States, and is in full support of
5 Alabama's iron and steel industry sector.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge Alabama's
7 federal, elected officials, including United States President
8 Donald Trump, United States Senators Richard Shelby and Doug
9 Jones, and United States House Representatives Bradley Byrne,
10 Martha Roby, Mike Rogers, Robert Aderholt, Mo Brooks, Gary
11 Palmer, and Terri Sewell, and members of the Congressional
12 Steel Caucus to continue to fight for strong enforcement of
13 United States trade laws to create a level field of
14 competition and to take necessary action to defend the
15 domestic iron and steel manufacturing industry from injury
16 created by unfair and illegal practices of foreign entities.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the
18 aforementioned federal, elected officials to support public
19 policies that promote the modernization of surface and
20 waterways transportation infrastructure, clean water and
21 wastewater infrastructure, and energy infrastructure systems.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 11-JAN-18.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

23-JAN-18

Adopted