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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

COMMENDING SMALL BUSINESSES IN ALABAMA AND THE WORK  
OF THE ALABAMA SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are proudly extended  
to small businesses in Alabama and the Alabama Small Business  
Commission for the contributions and achievements in business  
development and expansion in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, small businesses in Alabama contribute  
significantly to the economy of this state; small businesses  
employ a significant number of the private sector workforce  
and are key to the overall economic success of Alabama and  
ensure the preservation and expansion of free enterprise,  
competition, and consumer-driven markets; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Small Business Commission was  
created by Executive Order Number 47 dated September 15, 2014;  
Act 2015-450, now appearing in Title 41, Chapter 29, Code of  
Alabama 1975, codified the creation of the commission and the  
Alabama Small Business Advisory Committee; in part, the  
commission was created to explore best practices and areas of  
reform, including current rules, regulations, and state laws  
regarding small businesses in Alabama; it reports annually and  
serves as the voice of small business owners; and

1           WHEREAS, the commission operates a website, Atlas  
2 Alabama, that serves as a comprehensive resource for  
3 entrepreneurs and small business owners interested in starting  
4 or expanding a small business in Alabama; Atlas Alabama  
5 averages 1,200 visitors monthly and provides information,  
6 checklists, and helpful links to launch or manage existing  
7 businesses; and

8           WHEREAS, the commission helps in the development of  
9 economic policies that are friendly to small businesses,  
10 particularly in start-ups and expansion, and advises small  
11 businesses in the challenges of increasing costs and  
12 overreaching regulations; and

13           WHEREAS, among other activities, the commission  
14 works to encourage Alabamians to support and patronize small  
15 and independent businesses, helps to share ideas for  
16 development and growth, advances policy initiatives, and works  
17 to improve the business climate for small businesses in  
18 Alabama; and

19           WHEREAS, small businesses in Alabama and the Alabama  
20 Small Business Commission work together for the benefit of all  
21 citizens of this state; their actions reflect immense credit  
22 upon the entire state and they are truly deserving of special  
23 commendation and praise; now therefore,

24           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That small businesses in Alabama

1 and the Alabama Small Business Commission are honored and  
2 commended for their outstanding contributions to this state,  
3 and this resolution is offered in highest tribute, admiration,  
4 and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for continued  
5 success in all future endeavors.

