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4 ENROLLED, SJR24,

5 URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO GRANT  
6 ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
7 TO STOP UNWANTED ROBOCALLS AND "CALL SPOOFING," AND TO URGE  
8 THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON  
9 HOW TO ASSIST IN STOPPING ILLEGAL TELEPHONE CALLS  
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11 WHEREAS, receipt of unwanted telephone calls is the  
12 most frequent complaint received by the Federal Communications  
13 Commission (FCC) from consumers nationwide; unwanted calls  
14 include automated telemarketing or solicitation calls that  
15 deliver a recorded message (also known as robocalls); and

16 WHEREAS, recently, these robocalls have been  
17 combined with a process called "spoofing" in which the call  
18 appears to originate from a local, often legitimate, number to  
19 trick consumers into answering the call; as technology  
20 continues to evolve, the number of robocalls and spoofing  
21 continues to grow and the methods become more advanced; and

22 WHEREAS, under the federal Truth in Caller ID Act,  
23 individuals are prohibited from transmitting misleading or  
24 inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud,  
25 cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything of value; although

1 the FCC has initiated new policy initiatives to combat illegal  
2 robocalls and ID spoofing, more needs to be done; and

3 WHEREAS, Congress should pass legislation to provide  
4 the FCC with the tools and resources it needs to combat  
5 illegal and disruptive robocalls; and

6 WHEREAS, the FCC encourages consumers to file a  
7 complaint when an illegal call is received; although the FCC  
8 uses social media and the Internet to reach consumers, the FCC  
9 should use all means available to provide consumers with  
10 information needed to file a complaint; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body urges the Congress  
13 of the United States to grant additional authority to the  
14 Federal Communications Commission to stop unwanted robocalls  
15 and "call spoofing."

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body urges the  
17 Federal Communications Commission to educate the public on how  
18 to report illegal telephone calls.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
20 resolution be transmitted to the President of the United  
21 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
22 Representatives, the members of the Alabama Congressional  
23 Delegation, and the Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal  
24 Communications Commission.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Melson