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8 IN SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION OF ALABAMA'S IRON AND
9 STEEL INDUSTRY.
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11 WHEREAS, manufacturing is a critical part of
12 Alabama's economy and a leading contributor to employment, new
13 job creation, innovation, and capital investment; and

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, iron and steel, the world's most recycled
24 materials, are fundamental to everyday life, routine
25 functions, and other facets of the United States and Alabama
26 economies, including automobiles, surface transportation
27 infrastructure, clean water and waste water systems, energy

1 production and transmission, building materials and
2 appliances, as well as the public safety and national defense
3 sectors; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, foreign countries and foreign manufacturers
14 often employ illegal trade schemes and market distorting
15 practices; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, these global market conditions have
23 resulted in a significant loss of high-paying jobs in Alabama
24 and across the country; and

25 WHEREAS, it should be noted that domestic iron and
26 steel manufacturers are not seeking protectionism or special

1 treatment, but only a level field of competition through the
2 enforcement of applicable law; now therefore,

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

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

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