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3 By Representatives Carns, Polizos, Clarke, Alexander, Ford,  
4 Moore (B), Sells, Martin, Whorton (R), Garrett, Forte and  
5 Harbison  
6 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING SMALL BUSINESSES IN ALABAMA AND THE WORK  
9 OF THE ALABAMA SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION.

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

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

21 WHEREAS, the Alabama Small Business Commission was  
22 created by Executive Order Number 47 dated September 15, 2014;  
23 Act 2015-450, now appearing in Title 41, Chapter 29, Code of  
24 Alabama 1975, codified the creation of the commission and the  
25 Alabama Small Business Advisory Committee; in part, the  
26 commission was created to explore best practices and areas of  
27 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

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
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.