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3 By Representatives Carns, Polizos, Clarke, Alexander, Ford,
4 Moore (B), Sells, Martin, Whorton (R), Garrett, Forte and
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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

1 regarding small businesses in Alabama; it reports annually and
2 serves as the voice of small business owners; and

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

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

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

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

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
27 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.