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3 By Representatives Gaston, Buskey, Bracy, Baker, Shiver,  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA HEALTH  
9 SYSTEM AND SUPPORTING ITS CONTINUED EFFORTS IN OFFERING  
10 HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST ALABAMA  
11 AND THE UPPER GULF COAST.  
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13 WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama Health  
14 system is unique among all health care organizations along the  
15 Gulf Coast in its tripartite mission of education, research,  
16 and clinical care; and

17 WHEREAS, USA Health includes USA Medical Center, an  
18 acute care medical facility with the region's only Level 1  
19 trauma center and burn center; USA Children's and Women's  
20 Hospital, one of five freestanding hospitals nationwide  
21 dedicated to the care of children and women; USA Mitchell  
22 Cancer Institute, an academic research and cancer treatment  
23 facility; and USA Physicians Group, the Gulf Coast's largest  
24 multi-specialty practice; and

25 WHEREAS, within its hospitals and clinics are  
26 important services that also provide economic development

1 opportunities to the residents of southwest Alabama and the  
2 upper Gulf Coast, including Mississippi and Florida; and

3 WHEREAS, the services provided within USA Health are  
4 important to the economic development efforts of the upper  
5 Gulf Coast in that companies want and need the unique services  
6 offered; and

7 WHEREAS, USA Health's mission of helping people lead  
8 longer, better lives includes serving as a safety net health  
9 system to provide lifesaving care to the residents of  
10 southwest Alabama and the upper Gulf Coast; and

11 WHEREAS, USA Health operates the region's only  
12 neonatal and pediatric intensive care units, Level 1 trauma  
13 center, and academic-based cancer treatment and research  
14 center; and

15 WHEREAS, these specialized and unique services are  
16 critical to the well-being of Alabamians and the safety net  
17 health system for the underserved; and

18 WHEREAS, the USA Children's and Women's Hospital is  
19 the region's leader in deliveries at more than 2,700 births  
20 annually; and

21 WHEREAS, the Pediatric Emergency Department of the  
22 USA Children's and Women's Hospital sees more than 40,000  
23 patients annually; and

24 WHEREAS, the USA Children's and Women's Hospital  
25 Hollis J. Wiseman Neonatal Intensive Care Unit has been  
26 recently recognized as having one of the best survivability  
27 rates for extremely premature births in the nation; and

1           WHEREAS, the USA Medical Center Arnold Luteran  
2           Regional Burn Center was recently ranked Number 1 in America  
3           for patient outcomes, a distinction it has held many times;  
4           and

5           WHEREAS, the USA Trauma Center continues to rank  
6           among the best in the nation, with the American College of  
7           Surgeons Trauma Quality Improvement Program noting that it  
8           ranks in the top 10 percent in the country in reducing the  
9           risk of a major complication, including death, and a patient  
10          is 30 percent more likely to survive a traumatic event with  
11          care received at USA; and

12          WHEREAS, these specialized lifesaving services could  
13          not exist were it not for the academic mission of the  
14          University of South Alabama; and

15          WHEREAS, this high level of care is a tribute to the  
16          more than 3,800 dedicated employees at USA Health; and

17          WHEREAS, USA Health provides a combined annual  
18          economic impact of almost \$800 million to Alabama and its  
19          residents; now therefore,

20          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the University of South  
22          Alabama, USA Health, and their dedicated employees be  
23          recognized for the contributions made to the health and  
24          well-being of the residents of Alabama.

25          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support the  
26          furtherance of the mission of USA Health as it seeks to  
27          educate the next generation of providers, continues its

1        research for the next generation of clinical cures, and treats  
2        all patients of southwest Alabama through its unique,  
3        high-quality services.