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3 By Senators Coleman-Madison, Marsh, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot,  
4 Beasley, Burkette, Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Dunn, Elliott,  
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston, McClendon,  
6 Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier, Scofield,  
7 Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner,  
8 Ward, Whatley and Williams  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA CENTENNIAL OF WOMEN'S  
9 SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE.

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11 WHEREAS, a proposed women's suffrage amendment was  
12 first introduced in the United States Senate in 1878 and was  
13 brought to a vote, unsuccessfully, in 1887, 1914, 1918, and  
14 1919; and

15 WHEREAS, during 1919 and 1920, the Sixty-Sixth  
16 Congress debated, and the state legislatures considered, an  
17 amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide  
18 suffrage for women; and

19 WHEREAS, on May 21, 1919, the House of  
20 Representatives approved a proposed amendment, followed by the  
21 United States Senate on June 4; several state legislatures  
22 followed within a few days of the approval of the amendment;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, on August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the  
25 36th State to ratify the amendment, providing the support of  
26 three-fourths of states necessary under Article V of the  
27 Constitution of the United States; and

1           WHEREAS, Alabama's celebration of the centennial of  
2 women's suffrage offers an opportunity for Alabamians to learn  
3 more about, and commemorate, the efforts of the women's  
4 suffrage movement and the role of women in our democracy; now  
5 therefore,

6           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we endorse the efforts of the  
8 existing Alabama Centennial of Women's Suffrage Committee for  
9 the purpose of leading the state in its centennial  
10 commemoration of women's suffrage, and hereby resolve to  
11 support the Alabama Centennial of Women's Suffrage Committee  
12 in promoting, planning, and executing the Committee's  
13 historic, educational, celebratory, and cultural initiatives  
14 to observe and commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage  
15 in the State of Alabama.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage the  
17 Secretary of State to provide support to the Centennial of  
18 Women's Suffrage Committee, through his position as Alabama's  
19 election official and his efforts to educate Alabamians about  
20 the importance of the right to vote and voter participation.