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3 By Senators Marsh, Beason, Pittman, Preuitt, Butler, Orr,
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8 URGING CONGRESS TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE E-VERIFY
9 PROGRAM.

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11 WHEREAS, E-Verify is an Internet-based program that
12 allows an employer, using information reported on an
13 employee's Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, to
14 determine the eligibility of the employee to work in the
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, there is no charge to employers to use
17 E-Verify and the system is operated by the Department of
18 Homeland Security in partnership with the Social Security
19 Administration; and

20 WHEREAS, more than 175,000 employers are enrolled in
21 the program, and the number of registered employers is
22 increasing by over 1,200 per week; and

23 WHEREAS, there were over 8.5 million queries run
24 through the system in fiscal year 2009 and as of December 12,
25 2009, there has been over 2.5 million queries run through the
26 system in fiscal year 2010; and

1 WHEREAS, E-Verify is mandatory for some employers,
2 such as employers with federal contracts or subcontracts that
3 contain the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) E-Verify
4 clause, and some states have made using E-Verify mandatory for
5 employers; and

6 WHEREAS, with over 444 million records in the
7 database of the Social Security Administration and more than
8 60 million records in the Department of Homeland Security
9 immigration databases, the E-Verify program is an essential
10 tool for states and employers committed to maintaining a legal
11 workforce; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we respectfully urge Congress
14 to continue funding the E-Verify program so as to provide
15 employers with the necessary tools to verify the employment
16 eligibility of its employees.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
18 resolution be provided to each member of the Alabama
19 Congressional Delegation.