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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.