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3 By Representative Wren  
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8 REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND  
9 COMMERCIAL ENERGY CODES WHEN A STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE IS  
10 ADOPTED.

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12 WHEREAS, conservation of energy reduces our  
13 dependence on, and the impact of, the consumption of  
14 nonrenewable, foreign energy sources; and

15 WHEREAS, recognizing that a building's initial  
16 construction costs represent less than half of the building's  
17 entire costs over its 30 to 40 year life, emphasis should be  
18 placed on the "life cycle costs" of a building in addition to  
19 its initial capital costs; and

20 WHEREAS, energy efficiency and conservation can help  
21 reduce Alabama's water and air pollution; and

22 WHEREAS, energy efficiency and conservation can help  
23 meet the growing demand for electricity in Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, Alabama has the highest rate of residential  
25 per capita electricity usage in the United States; and

1                   WHEREAS, building an energy efficient home can save  
2 the homeowner money on energy costs and make the home more  
3 comfortable; now therefore,

4                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby request that when  
6 Alabama adopts codes for commercial and residential structures  
7 as named by proposed legislation for a statewide building  
8 code, that an energy code based on the 2006 International  
9 Energy Conservation Code (IECC) for residential buildings and  
10 the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007 for commercial  
11 buildings, or subsequent editions, changes, or recompilations  
12 thereof, be included as a component of the building code or  
13 codes that Alabama adopts, and that future consideration be  
14 given to create an internal statewide process to amend the  
15 code and increase the stringency, triennially, as new editions  
16 of the IECC are published.

17                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
18 resolution be transmitted to each member of the Alabama  
19 Building Commission.