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3 By Senator Smitherman
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URGING ADECA TO WORK DILIGENTLY TO INSURE
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO
ELIGIBLE LOW INCOME PERSONS.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) has designated Alabama's community action agencies as the preferred subgrantees of the federally supported weatherization programs under Part 440 - Weatherization Assistance for Low Income Persons - or under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's community action agencies have unparalleled experience, expertise, and success in providing energy assistance as well as a comprehensive range of related human service programs for more than 45 years to low income persons who are particularly vulnerable, such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with high energy burdens; and

1 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Economic and
2 Community Affairs (ADECA) has been designated by Governor Bob
3 Riley to serve as the lead agency for the State of Alabama for
4 the administration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment
5 Act (ARRA) weatherization assistance program; and

6 WHEREAS, ADECA received approximately \$75 million in
7 a grant award from the USDOE to administer this program to
8 insure that low income persons who are particularly vulnerable
9 receive the benefits of this program; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge ADECA to work
12 vigorously to insure that each weatherization program
13 subgrantee receives all needed and necessary support to insure
14 the successful delivery of program resources to low income
15 communities.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge ADECA to work
17 closely and cooperatively with the Alabama Weatherization
18 Association as the Community Action Association of Alabama
19 that together serve as the statewide organizations which
20 provide training, technical assistance, and support to
21 weatherization assistance programs and community action
22 agencies which serve as the ARRA Weatherization Assistance
23 Program Subgrantees.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
25 resolution be provided to the United States Secretary of the
26 Department of Energy and the Director of ADECA.

