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3 By Representatives Hall, McCutcheon, Sanderford, Williams (P),
4 Taylor and Hinshaw
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COMMENDING TOYOTA FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to extend highest commendation to Toyota for its exemplary record as a good corporate citizen of the State of Alabama and the nation; and

WHEREAS, soon after Toyota Motor Manufacturing Alabama (TMMAL) began production in 2003, a \$20 million expansion was implemented, doubling capacity and adding 150 jobs, and through the years the steady growth and success of its Huntsville operation have continued; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, production of a new model V8 engine was begun for the next generation Tundra pickup, increasing total employment to almost 1,000 and annual production capacity to 400,000, with an investment of nearly half a billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the TMMAL plant currently produces both V6 and V8 engines, and a new project was announced in August 2009 that will add four-cylinder engine capacity, making it the only Toyota plant in the world to build four-cylinder, six-cylinder, and eight-cylinder engines; and

1 WHEREAS, the current TMMAL payroll is more than \$68
2 million, and when the latest project comes on line, Toyota's
3 capital investment in Alabama will exceed \$635 million; and

4 WHEREAS, on the national level, Toyota established
5 operations in North America in 1957 and currently operates 14
6 manufacturing plants producing 12 vehicle models; there are
7 more than 1,800 Toyota, Lexus, and Scion dealerships in North
8 America, which sold more than 2.05 million vehicles in 2009;
9 Toyota directly employs more than 40,000 individuals in North
10 America, and its investment here is currently valued at more
11 than \$23 billion; in addition, Toyota's annual purchasing of
12 parts, materials, goods, and services from North American
13 suppliers totals more than \$25 billion; and

14 WHEREAS, Toyota is committed to being a good
15 corporate citizen in the communities where it operates and
16 believes in supporting programs with long-term sustainable
17 results; Toyota supports numerous organizations across the
18 country, focusing on education, the environment, and safety;
19 since 1991, Toyota has contributed more than \$493 million to
20 philanthropic programs in the United States; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Toyota is honored and
23 commended in recognition of its record as a good corporate
24 citizen and its outstanding economic and philanthropic
25 contributions to the State of Alabama and the nation, and this
26 resolution is offered in highest tribute to the management and
27 staff, along with best wishes for continuing success.

