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3 By Representative Johnson (R)  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AUTHORITY  
9 ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY.  
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11 WHEREAS, in 1981, the Alabama Municipal Electric  
12 Authority (AMEA) Enabling Legislation was passed by the  
13 Alabama Legislature, and Governor Fob James signed this  
14 legislation allowing Alabama municipal electric utilities to  
15 form AMEA as a public corporation to provide dependable,  
16 economical electric power and other services for its 11 member  
17 cities of Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley, LaFayette,  
18 Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga, and Tuskegee;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, AMEA's leaders saw the establishment of the  
21 joint action agency as a means to build economies of scale in  
22 collective wholesale electricity activities and to effectively  
23 accomplish more together than was possible separately; and

24 WHEREAS, because of their vision and perseverance,  
25 AMEA has become a valued partner in Alabama's electric utility  
26 community and, because of that vision, members are committed  
27 more than ever to joint action as they are benefiting from

1 AMEA's power supply initiatives, resources, competitive rates,  
2 and selected value-added programs and services; and

3 WHEREAS, over the past 30 years, AMEA has been a  
4 low-cost power supplier for its members and has also provided  
5 value-added services, including distribution support services,  
6 regulatory compliance and territorial support, and economic  
7 development support programs, among many others; and

8 WHEREAS, AMEA's 30-year history has also proved that  
9 the organization is an innovator in exploring electric  
10 generation options to improve generation costs through such  
11 initiatives as the Alabama Direct FuelCell Demonstration  
12 Project and the AMEA-Sylacauga Plant, as well as renewable  
13 hydropower projects; and

14 WHEREAS, AMEA is committed to a balanced power  
15 supply program that promotes harmony with the environment at  
16 the lowest cost to its member cities and the citizens they  
17 serve; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the  
20 Alabama Municipal Electric Authority on its 30 years of  
21 service to its members, and we wish the organization much  
22 success in helping its members meet the growing energy needs  
23 of their customers today and for future generations to come.