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3 By Representative Johnson (R)
4 RFD: Rules
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ENGROSSED

URGING ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT TO REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE
REEF FACILITY IN TALLADEGA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the REEF Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Facility located in Talladega County pretreats various and complex industrial wastewaters from multiple locations and discharges to the J. Earl Ham Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the REEF facility consists of two equalization basins with a reported capacity of approximately 3.5 million gallons each and an aeration basin with a capacity of approximately seven million gallons; and

WHEREAS, due to concern about the levels of Total Kjehldahl Nitrogen in the water in these basins, discharges to the Ham Plant were suspended in June 2010, and terminated in March 2011; and

WHEREAS, the basins at the REEF facility are believed to be full; also there are several above-ground tanks and numerous movable containers at the REEF facility containing waste; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2010, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management conducted a complaint investigation at the REEF facility and found non-stormwater discharges seeping into Shirree Creek northwest of the

1 facility; ADEM has further determined that the non-stormwater
2 discharges seeping into Shirtee Creek appear to be originating
3 from the REEF facility; and

4 WHEREAS, ADEM's report of its investigation states
5 that chemicals of concern (COCs) from the REEF facility have
6 been released to soils beneath the facility and it appears
7 that the COCs have migrated in groundwater through fracture
8 flow in bedrock and karst-like structure to seep locations in
9 Shirtee Creek, and these soils represent a potential source of
10 pollutants to waters of the state; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That, by copy of this resolution to
13 the ADEM Director, we urge ADEM to redouble its efforts to
14 ensure the environmental safety of the REEF facility.

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House of Representatives

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5 House of Representatives committee
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10 Read for the third time and adopted
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12 Adopted by Voice Vote

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Clerk