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3 By Representative Johnson (R)
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4 URGING ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
5 MANAGEMENT TO REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE
6 REEF FACILITY IN TALLADEGA COUNTY.
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8 WHEREAS, the REEF Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment
9 Facility located in Talladega County pretreats various and
10 complex industrial wastewaters from multiple locations and
11 discharges to the J. Earl Ham Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

12 WHEREAS, the REEF facility consists of two
13 equalization basins with a reported capacity of approximately
14 3.5 million gallons each and an aeration basin with a capacity
15 of approximately seven million gallons; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, on September 16, 2010, the Alabama
25 Department of Environmental Management conducted a complaint
26 investigation at the REEF facility and found non-stormwater
27 discharges seeping into Shirtee 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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