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3 By Senators Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,
5 Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh,
6 McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley,
8 and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 24-MAY-11

8 CONGRATULATING THE COALBED METHANE ASSOCIATION OF
9 ALABAMA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, Alabama is blessed with abundant natural
12 resources, including natural gas in coal; and

13 WHEREAS, Alabama is recognized worldwide as the site
14 where technology and innovation came together to create a new
15 energy industry; and

16 WHEREAS, more than 25 years ago pioneers in the
17 coalbed methane industry gathered as an operators group to
18 promote the orderly development of Alabama's natural gas
19 resources in coal; and

20 WHEREAS, this operators group worked with the State
21 Oil and Gas Board on the first rules specifically regulating
22 the new coalbed methane industry; and

23 WHEREAS, investment in the development of the
24 coalbed methane industry resulted in the creation of jobs and
25 economic development of benefit to Alabama; and

26 WHEREAS, on June 5, 1986, the Coalbed Methane
27 Association of Alabama was incorporated in order to continue

1 the improvement of technology, promotion of investment in
2 Alabama and to continue the orderly development of the
3 resource; and

4 WHEREAS, in the 25 years since the formation of the
5 Coalbed Methane Association of Alabama, its members have
6 invested more than \$3 billion and employed thousands to
7 develop the resource; and

8 WHEREAS, the members of the Coalbed Methane
9 Association of Alabama have supported the communities in which
10 they operate with education grants, scholarships, and
11 sponsorships; and

12 WHEREAS, natural gas from coal is one of the major
13 sources of natural gas in Alabama and will continue to be a
14 significant source of energy for decades to come; now
15 therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we congratulate the Coalbed
18 Methane Association of Alabama and its members on the occasion
19 of the 25th Anniversary of the association and direct that
20 copies of this resolution be prepared for appropriate
21 presentation.