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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  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR135,

5 CONGRATULATING THE COALBED METHANE ASSOCIATION OF  
6 ALABAMA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY.  
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8 WHEREAS, Alabama is blessed with abundant natural  
9 resources, including natural gas in coal; and

10 WHEREAS, Alabama is recognized worldwide as the site  
11 where technology and innovation came together to create a new  
12 energy industry; and

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

17 WHEREAS, this operators group worked with the State  
18 Oil and Gas Board on the first rules specifically regulating  
19 the new coalbed methane industry; and

20 WHEREAS, investment in the development of the  
21 coalbed methane industry resulted in the creation of jobs and  
22 economic development of benefit to Alabama; and

23 WHEREAS, on June 5, 1986, the Coalbed Methane  
24 Association of Alabama was incorporated in order to continue  
25 the improvement of technology, promotion of investment in

1 Alabama and to continue the orderly development of the  
2 resource; and

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

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Allen