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3 By Senators Whatley, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn,
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner,
8 Ward, and Williams
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8 RECOGNIZING THE BEEF INDUSTRY IN THE NATION AND THE
9 STATE OF ALABAMA.
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11 WHEREAS, with demand for United States red meat at
12 an all-time high, beef exports finished the year 2011 at 1.287
13 million metric tons valued at \$5.42 billion, breaking the
14 previous volume record of 1.274 million metric tons
15 established in 2003 and easily surpassing the 2010 value
16 record of \$4.08 billion; and

17 WHEREAS, export volume in 2011 was 21 percent larger
18 than in 2010, with value up 33 percent; and

19 WHEREAS, exports to Japan surged 27 percent in
20 volume and 37 percent in value, while exports to Korea grew by
21 37 percent in volume and about 33 percent in value, and the
22 United States took significant market share from Australia;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the success of the beef industry is
25 credited to a combination of factors including marketing tools
26 to showcase the quality and consistency of United States

1 products, which the industry is able to deliver at a very
2 competitive price; and

3 WHEREAS, opportunities exist for further growth, and
4 the United States Meat Export Federation is committed to
5 capitalize on the strong momentum; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama represents a
7 significant component of the beef industry, to the benefit of
8 the people of Alabama and the state's economic growth; now
9 therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend the success of the
12 United States beef industry in the world marketplace, and it
13 is directed that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr.
14 Phil Senz, CEO for the Meat Export Federation, as evidence of
15 the admiration and appreciation of the people of the State of
16 Alabama.