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8 COMMENDING AUBURN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH EFFORTS IN
9 SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
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11 WHEREAS, the rapidly increasing complexity of
12 technology requirements and critical infrastructure in cyber
13 security has created a need to seek the development of
14 information transfer, storage, and security solutions; and

15 WHEREAS, the rapidly increasing number of
16 cyber-based threats and attacks have affected government,
17 industry, and the citizens of this state; and

18 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the development
19 of resources, capabilities, and expertise related to the
20 establishment and operation of secure cyber facilities and
21 associated infrastructure, and in supporting educational
22 opportunities to facilitate an immediate transition from the
23 classroom to the dynamic, multifaceted, classified work
24 environment to include Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmentalized
25 Information; and

26 WHEREAS, Auburn University has taken a leadership
27 role in advancing the State of Alabama through the

1 university's pursuit of research, development, and promotion
2 of cyber technology, both classified and nonclassified,
3 including areas such as secure cyber facilities and networks,
4 military and intelligence concerns, as well as facilities and
5 critical infrastructure, to include financial systems,
6 utilities, telecommunications, food systems, transportation,
7 health care, and the health sciences; and

8 WHEREAS, through its research initiatives and
9 relationships, Auburn University has achieved a unique
10 position in supporting national security requirements at the
11 highest level; and

12 WHEREAS, Auburn's efforts will complement the
13 state's economic development efforts through technology
14 transfer, commercialization of intellectual property, active
15 recruitment of cyber security interests to the State of
16 Alabama, and partnerships and collaborations with other
17 research institutions and cyber-related entities across the
18 nation, and in particular the Southeast, which will help
19 attract industry to the state; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of outstanding
22 efforts on behalf of the State of Alabama, Auburn University
23 is commended on its specialized initiatives and innovative
24 approaches related to cyber security technology, research, and
25 educational opportunities.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Auburn University is
27 encouraged to continue its pursuit of an expanded role in

1 cyber security research on both a regional and national level
2 in order to enhance the state's potential, resources, and
3 competitiveness in economic development in the cyber security
4 arena.