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3 By Senators Dial, Fielding, Holley, Whatley, Allen, Blackwell
4 and Beasley
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8 COMMENDING GOVERNOR BENTLEY ON HIS LEADERSHIP IN
9 PROMOTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION
10 REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ATRIP).
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12 WHEREAS, more than 105 road and bridge improvement
13 projects throughout the state are moving forward as part of
14 the first round of funding for the Alabama Transportation
15 Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP); and

16 WHEREAS, unveiled by Governor Bentley in February
17 2012, ATRIP is the largest road and bridge improvement program
18 in Alabama's history, and the initial phase includes projects
19 representing 138.5 million dollars in funding through the use
20 of the Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles Bond Program
21 (GARVEE) and the Rural Assistance Matching Program (RAMP); and

22 WHEREAS, updated roads and bridges serve as an
23 economic development tool by enabling Alabama to recruit
24 additional jobs from companies that depend on a modern, solid
25 infrastructure to transport goods; and

26 WHEREAS, Governor Bentley's words rang true when he
27 noted as he unveiled the program: "From large cities to rural

1 areas, the people of this state deserve reliable, safe roads
2 and bridges"; and

3 WHEREAS, Governor Bentley went on to proclaim:
4 "School buses should not have to be detoured around
5 substandard bridges. Communities need help improving roads
6 that are currently over capacity or in need of various safety
7 improvements"; and

8 WHEREAS, through the use of GARVEE and RAMP funds,
9 ATRIP enables the state to make necessary improvements without
10 raising taxes; and

11 WHEREAS, ALDOT Director John Cooper has implemented
12 this program in a fair and impartial manner based on need and
13 safety; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body commends Governor
16 Robert Bentley and ALDOT Director John Cooper for their
17 leadership in the promotion and implementation of the Alabama
18 Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP).

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
20 resolution be provided to Governor Bentley and Mr. Cooper.