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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  
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17 WHEREAS, unveiled by Governor Bentley in February  
18 2012, ATRIP is the largest road and bridge improvement program  
19 in Alabama's history, and the initial phase includes projects  
20 representing 138.5 million dollars in funding through the use  
21 of the Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles Bond Program  
22 (GARVEE) and the Rural Assistance Matching Program (RAMP); and  
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24 WHEREAS, updated roads and bridges serve as an  
25 economic development tool by enabling Alabama to recruit  
additional jobs from companies that depend on a modern, solid  
infrastructure to transport goods; and  
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27 WHEREAS, Governor Bentley's words rang true when he  
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.