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8 URGING CONGRESS AND OTHER LEADERS TO INFORM THE  
9 PUBLIC REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OVERSIGHT OF THE  
10 FEDERAL REGULATORY PROCESS.

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12 WHEREAS, America works best when Americans are  
13 working; and

14 WHEREAS, too many Americans are unemployed or  
15 underemployed; and

16 WHEREAS, the current unemployment situation is a  
17 tragedy for millions of Americans, many of whom are relegated,  
18 along with their families, to decaying job skills, long-term  
19 unemployment, welfare, and hopelessness; and

20 WHEREAS, the unemployment situation has contributed  
21 to an ever expanding national debt and no credible plan for  
22 balancing the federal budget; and

23 WHEREAS, the unemployment situation can be reversed  
24 by spurring innovation and maximizing the creation of new work  
25 opportunities; and

26 WHEREAS, the best conditions for a capitalist  
27 economy to innovate, grow, and create new jobs and

1 opportunities for the widest number of Americans include the  
2 rule of law, property rights, sound money, and clear and  
3 predictable tax rates and regulations, all of which must be  
4 defended and enforced by constitutional government; and

5 WHEREAS, federal regulations that are unclear,  
6 burdensome, arbitrary, complex, costly, and inequitable impose  
7 real costs on the lives of individual Americans and present an  
8 especially egregious obstacle to job creation and the growth  
9 potential of the economy; and

10 WHEREAS, the destructive human and economic impact  
11 of the current array of federal regulations requires special  
12 national attention and energetic national movement for  
13 regulatory reform; and

14 WHEREAS, the wealth of a capitalist economy grows  
15 through the accumulation of knowledge and federal regulations  
16 that are not simple, clear, understandable, low cost, or  
17 predictable are an enemy of knowledge accumulation and are  
18 therefore an enemy of the growth of individual and national  
19 wealth; and

20 WHEREAS, any participant in the economy who  
21 confronts ambiguous, burdensome, and arbitrary federal  
22 regulations cannot act, cannot gain, share, or receive new  
23 knowledge, cannot learn and therefore cannot innovate, and  
24 therefore cannot do their part to push the economy forward;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, federal regulations that protect  
27 enterprises from failure and therefore prevent the generation

1 of new knowledge made possible from failure are equally  
2 destructive of the growth of individual and national wealth;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, regulatory reform that restructures,  
5 reduces, or eliminates wealth distorting regulations can  
6 liberate economic activity with enormous speed and become a  
7 tremendous driver of new economic growth and new work  
8 opportunities to end the current crisis of work; now  
9 therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we call upon all members of  
12 the U.S. Congress, all presidential and other federal and  
13 state candidates, all governors, and all members of other  
14 state Legislatures to make it a top priority to explain to the  
15 public the individual and economic costs imposed by burdensome  
16 federal regulations; how ill-considered regulations stifle  
17 human creativity, and the accumulation of knowledge and  
18 innovation that allows for economic growth and job creation,  
19 which makes individual and national wealth possible; and the  
20 principles that should govern the reform of existing federal  
21 resolutions and the drafting and implementation of any new  
22 federal regulations.

23 RESOLVED FURTHER, That copies of this resolution  
24 shall be provided to the public officers named in this  
25 resolution.