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3 By Representatives Jackson, Bracy, Howard, Forte, Drummond,
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8 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE
9 PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S TIES TO RUSSIA.
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11 WHEREAS, the intelligence community of the United
12 States of America concluded that the Russian government
13 interfered in the 2016 presidential election for the purpose
14 of increasing the chances that Donald J. Trump would be
15 elected President; and

16 WHEREAS, the intelligence community consists of
17 dedicated professionals who have served in both Republican and
18 Democrat administrations; and

19 WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump has repeatedly mocked
20 intelligence officials and rejected the conclusions of the
21 intelligence community; and

22 WHEREAS, the Russian government was responsible for
23 cyberattacks against persons affiliated with the Democratic
24 Party and the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton; and

25 WHEREAS, in July of 2016, Donald J. Trump publicly
26 encouraged Russian operatives to conduct cyberattacks against
27 Hillary Clinton, his political opponent; and

1 WHEREAS, on December 29, 2016, President Barack
2 Obama announced sanctions in response to the Russian
3 government's cyber operations aimed at the 2016 presidential
4 election, and these sanctions affected nine entities and
5 individuals affiliated with the Russian government, including
6 the Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU) of the Russian
7 government, one other Russian intelligence service, four
8 individual officers of the GRU, and three companies that
9 provided material support to the GRU's cyber operations; and

10 WHEREAS, on December 29, 2016, President Barack
11 Obama expelled 35 Russian government officials who had failed
12 to act in a manner consistent with their diplomatic status and
13 provided notice that as of December 30, 2016, Russian access
14 would be denied to two Russian government-owned compounds, one
15 in Maryland and one in New York; and

16 WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump responded to the Obama
17 Administration's sanctions against Russia by announcing, "It's
18 time for our country to move on to bigger and better things";
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20 WHEREAS, on January 3, 2017, Donald J. Trump derided
21 intelligence officials who were scheduled to brief him on
22 Russian cyberactivity, suggesting in a tweet that they delayed
23 the briefing because they needed more time "to build a case";
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25 WHEREAS, on January 4, 2017, Donald J. Trump
26 attempted to discredit the intelligence community's

1 conclusions by quoting WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in a
2 tweet; and

3 WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump praised Russian President
4 Vladimir Putin following the latter's announcement that he
5 would not oust American diplomats in response to President
6 Obama's decision to expel 35 Russian government officials,
7 saying in a tweet, "I always knew he was smart!"; and

8 WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump praised Vladimir Putin for
9 sending him a Christmas greeting, which he called, "A very
10 nice letter from Vladimir Putin"; and

11 WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump has surrounded himself with
12 advisors who have extensive ties with the Russian government;
13 now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the members of this body join
16 in urging the United States Congress to expend the resources
17 necessary to investigate thoroughly the nature and extent of
18 Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election,
19 including whether there was collusion between persons
20 associated with the Russian government and persons associated
21 with the presidential campaign of Donald J. Trump to influence
22 the outcome of the election.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
24 resolution be made available to each member of the Alabama
25 Congressional Delegation.