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3 By Senator Waggoner
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8 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S RECORD 2016 EXPORTS SALES AND
9 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
10 EXPORT PROFESSIONALS AND STAKEHOLDERS.
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12 WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to
13 be one of the state's most powerful economic engines and job
14 creators; and

15 WHEREAS, demonstrating an abiding dedication to
16 productivity and growth, exports from Alabama were shipped to
17 189 countries and totaled \$20.6 billion in record-high revenue
18 in 2016; and

19 WHEREAS, two-way trade between Alabama and the world
20 totaled over \$42.8 billion during 2016; and

21 WHEREAS, the state ranked 23rd in the nation for
22 dollar value of exports in 2016, jumping ahead two places from
23 the previous year; and

24 WHEREAS, Alabama provides a variety of products
25 worldwide, such as: Vehicles, transportation equipment,
26 agricultural products, chemicals, iron, steel, machinery, and
27 paper products; and

1 WHEREAS, Alabama exports are much sought after and
2 Alabama-produced products are second to none in the nation;
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4 WHEREAS, international trade enhances the quality of
5 life for all Alabamians, contributes to the state's
6 prosperity, and creates jobs for the state's citizens, which
7 is key to accelerating Alabama globally; and

8 WHEREAS, we commend Alabama's professional trade
9 community, the Alabama Department of Commerce, the Alabama
10 Department of Agriculture and Industries, the Port of Mobile,
11 trade organizations, trade research, manufacturing,
12 agriculture, small businesses, and the hard-working men and
13 women who are the backbone of Alabama's export records and
14 successes; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade enhances
17 the quality of life for all Alabamians and contributes to the
18 state's prosperity; that the creation of jobs for the state's
19 citizens through exports is key to accelerating Alabama
20 globally; and that we encourage the continued growth of
21 Alabama's exports to the global marketplace by supporting all
22 efforts to reach new customers and markets to promote
23 Alabama's exports.