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8 ENCOURAGING RESOURCE CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, AND
9 RECOVERY OF COAL COMBUSTION PRODUCTS.

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11 WHEREAS, the US Resource Conservation and Recovery
12 Act of 1976 (RCRA) establishes an objective to conserve
13 valuable material energy resources by promoting the
14 demonstration, construction, and application of solid waste
15 management, and resource recovery, and resource conservation
16 systems which preserve and enhance the quality of air, water,
17 and land resources; and

18 WHEREAS, the utilization of coal for energy
19 production has provided reliable and inexpensive electricity
20 to meet the energy needs of the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, the burning of coal generates both coal
22 combustion by-products and co-products (CCPs) which include
23 fly ash, bottom ash, and flue gas desulfurization materials,
24 all which have material economic value as minerals to the
25 nation's economy; and

1 WHEREAS, the CCPs generated by the energy production
2 industry also contain rare earth elements which are strategic
3 to the nation's defense and economy; and

4 WHEREAS, the recovery and use of CCPs as substitutes
5 for mined minerals provides reduced costs of America's
6 transportation infrastructure, commercial, industrial, and
7 residential construction industries; and

8 WHEREAS, the use of CCPs as a substitute for native
9 mined resources reduces energy consumption, preserves natural
10 resources, and enhances the quality of the environment; and

11 WHEREAS, the use of recovered CCPs as a recovered
12 mineral resource assists each state and America in reducing or
13 controlling the costs of highways, bridges, and infrastructure
14 construction while improving the life cycle costs; and

15 WHEREAS, the future availability and preservation of
16 access to the vast mineral resources in coal ash to meet the
17 mineral and strategic elements needs of the US economy may be
18 jeopardized by current US energy and environment regulations;
19 now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body urges Congress to
22 propose and adopt legislation which recognizes the importance
23 of CCPs as a strategic mineral resource, encourages the
24 recover of the resource value, preserves future access to the
25 CCPs produced or stored in impoundments or landfills for
26 reclamation and recovery consistent with the energy and
27 resource conservation objectives of RCRA.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
2 resolution shall be forwarded to the Alabama Congressional
3 Delegation that they may know of our deep concerns regarding
4 these matters.