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3 By Senator Waggoner
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4 ENROLLED, SJR31,

5 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S RECORD 2016 EXPORTS SALES AND
6 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
7 EXPORT PROFESSIONALS AND STAKEHOLDERS.

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9 WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to
10 be one of the state's most powerful economic engines and job
11 creators; and

12 WHEREAS, demonstrating an abiding dedication to
13 productivity and growth, exports from Alabama were shipped to
14 189 countries and totaled \$20.6 billion in record-high revenue
15 in 2016; and

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Alabama exports are much sought after and
2 Alabama-produced products are second to none in the nation;
3 and

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.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

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