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3 By Senators Orr, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders,
7 Sanford, Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman,
8 Stutts, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 09-MAR-17

8 SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ALABAMA
9 BICENTENNIAL CAPITOL PARK.

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11 WHEREAS, Alabama became our nation's twenty-second
12 state on the monumental day of December 14, 1819, and we deem
13 it appropriate and fitting that the State of Alabama celebrate
14 and memorialize this significant date and colossal
15 Bicentennial milestone; and

16 WHEREAS, the Alabama Bicentennial Commission has
17 been diligently working to prepare and implement a three-year
18 celebration of the places, people, and stories representative
19 of Alabama's prominent history; and

20 WHEREAS, the plans for this momentous celebration
21 include the creation of the Alabama Bicentennial Capitol Park,
22 which shall stand as a permanent memorial to our great state's
23 Bicentennial Anniversary and rich history and will be located
24 in front of the State Capitol on both sides of Dexter Avenue;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, located at the hub of the Capitol, the
27 emblematic heart of the state, the park will serve as a

1 beautifully landscaped, welcoming memorial that pays tribute
2 to 200 years of statehood; it will instruct past, current, and
3 future generations to unite in recognizing the challenges,
4 accomplishments, and promise of Alabama and its remarkable
5 people; and

6 WHEREAS, we declare our support and unwavering
7 commitment to the development and construction of Bicentennial
8 Capitol Park, which will include 16 bas relief sculptures
9 illustrating the extraordinary stories of notable figures,
10 places, and events relevant to Alabama history including the
11 first Native Americans, American Revolution hero Marquis de
12 LaFayette's visit to the state, Jefferson Davis's
13 inauguration, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "How Long"
14 speech; complimentary text panels will be inscribed with the
15 accompanying stories; and

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby offer our support
18 for the development of the Alabama Bicentennial Capitol Park
19 and encourage all Alabamians to proudly recognize and
20 celebrate our state's Bicentennial Anniversary and reflect
21 upon our multifaceted culture and riveting narrative and
22 request that this resolution of support be memorialized as a
23 permanent part of the park.