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4 Clarke, Stringer, Brown (C), Faust and Wilcox
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 PROCLAIMING 2020 AS THE YEAR TO EMBRACE THE GULF AND
4 RECOGNIZE THE GULF OF MEXICO'S IMPORTANCE TO THE NATION.
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6 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize
7 2020 as the Year to Embrace the Gulf and acknowledge the Gulf
8 of Mexico's importance to the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico is an ocean basin
10 bounded on the north, northeast, and northwest by the Gulf
11 Coast of the United States, on the south and southwest by
12 Mexico, and on the southeast by Cuba; and the Gulf of Mexico
13 is bordered by five Gulf Coast states: Alabama, Florida,
14 Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and the Gulf region
15 contributes to the nation's economy, security, energy,
16 environment, heritage, beauty, diversity, and resilience; and

17 WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico's watershed covers more
18 than half of the continental United States and the Mississippi
19 River drains more than one-third of the nation, and it is
20 characterized with diverse flora and fauna, provides food,
21 shelter, and habitat to marine and estuarine organisms,
22 shorebirds, waterfowl, and wildlife, and the Gulf Coast
23 supports our nation's seafood industry through commercial
24 fishing but also provides recreational adventures such as
25 sailing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, and fishing; and

1 WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico is more than just a
2 pretty picture; it provides thousands of miles of beautiful,
3 affordable shoreline living, and the Gulf Coast region is also
4 one of the most culturally diverse regions in the nation with
5 millions of residents tracing their heritage to Europe,
6 Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and the Gulf Coast embraces a
7 variety of traditions and invokes a strong sense of place; and

8 WHEREAS, Gulf Coast tourism generates hundreds of
9 billions of dollars each year, and if the Gulf area were a
10 country, our economy would rank among the top 10 worldwide,
11 and by increasing awareness of the Gulf of Mexico's many
12 treasures and limitless value, we ensure a sustainable future;
13 now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby acknowledge and
16 observe 2020 as "The Year to Embrace the Gulf" and encourage
17 the citizens of Alabama to commemorate its observance
18 beginning January 1, 2020.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 25-APR-19.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

30-APR-19

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