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8 RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AUTHORITY
9 ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, in 1981, the Alabama Municipal Electric
12 Authority (AMEA) Enabling Legislation was passed by the
13 Alabama Legislature; and Governor Fob James signed this
14 legislation allowing Alabama municipal electric utilities to
15 form AMEA as a public corporation to provide dependable,
16 economical electric power and other services; and

17 WHEREAS, AMEA's leaders saw the establishment of the
18 joint action agency as a means to build economies of scale in
19 collective wholesale electricity activities and to effectively
20 accomplish more together than was possible separately; and

21 WHEREAS, because of its vision and perseverance,
22 AMEA has become a valued partner in Alabama's electric utility
23 community, and because of that vision, AMEA Members, including
24 Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley, LaFayette, Lanett,
25 Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga, and Tuskegee, are
26 committed more than ever to Joint Action as they are
27 benefiting from AMEA's power supply initiatives, resources,

1 competitive rates, and selected value-added programs and
2 services; and

3 WHEREAS, AMEA's 40-year history has also proven that
4 the organization is an innovator in exploring electric
5 generation options to improve generation costs through such
6 initiatives as the Alabama Direct Fuel Cell Demonstration
7 Project and the AMEA-Sylacauga Plant, as well as renewable
8 projects, including solar research projects and utility-scale
9 solar, and electric vehicle infrastructure; and

10 WHEREAS, over the past 40 years, AMEA has been a
11 low-cost power supplier for its members and has also provided
12 value-added services, including distribution services support,
13 regulatory compliance and territorial support, and economic
14 development support programs, just to name a few; now
15 therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the
18 Alabama Municipal Electric Authority on its 40 years of
19 service to its members, and wish the organization much success
20 in helping its members meet the growing energy needs of its
21 customers today and for future generations to come.