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3 By Senator Waggoner  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR27,

5 SUPPORTING THE WEEK OF MAY 3-9, 2021, AS "NATIONAL  
6 SMALL BUSINESS WEEK" AND COMMENDING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT  
7 OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS OF ALABAMA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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9 WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 58th anniversary of  
10 "National Small Business Week"; and

11 WHEREAS, as our nation collectively recovers from an  
12 unprecedented pandemic, we celebrate the resolve and ingenuity  
13 of American businesses, entrepreneurs, and workers; and

14 WHEREAS, American small businesses have been  
15 critical in revitalizing economically distressed areas; and

16 WHEREAS, our nation's small businesses are at the  
17 very core of our American identity and prosperity, creating  
18 jobs and giving back during times of prosperity and challenge;  
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20 WHEREAS, with over 396,000 small businesses in the  
21 State of Alabama, small business owners employ 47.5 percent of  
22 the state's private sector workforce, and small businesses  
23 account for 99 percent of Alabama businesses; and

24 WHEREAS, there are more than 30 million small  
25 businesses in the United States; and

1                   WHEREAS, small businesses in the United States  
2 employ half of the workforce of the United States, make up  
3 99.7 percent of all employees in the United States, employ  
4 veterans, produce one-third of the exports of the United  
5 States, and account for nearly half of private sector output;  
6 and

7                   WHEREAS, as of 2020, 9.1 percent of all small  
8 business owners in the United States are veterans; and

9                   WHEREAS, two out of every three new jobs in the  
10 United States are created by small businesses; now therefore,

11                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support the week of May  
13 3-9, 2021, as "National Small Business Week"; 1) celebrate the  
14 entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners in Alabama and  
15 the Nation who have chartered their own course to provide jobs  
16 and bright futures for millions of American workers; 2)  
17 understand the importance of creating a small business climate  
18 that allows for sustained economic recovery; 3) celebrate the  
19 invaluable contribution that small businesses make to the  
20 United States and to Alabama as the backbone of the economy;  
21 4) support increasing consumer awareness of the value and  
22 opportunity that small businesses bring to their local  
23 communities; 5) understand the importance of providing more  
24 access and resources to minority-owned and underserved firms;  
25 6) and understand the need to provide further assistance and

1 relief to the small businesses of the United States during  
2 unprecedented times.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge our fellow  
4 citizens to recognize the critical contributions of Alabama's  
5 entrepreneurs and small businesses and small business owners  
6 as they grow our state and our nation's economy.

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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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Secretary.

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