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3 By Senator Waggoner  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR57,

5 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S RETAIL SECTOR AND ITS CRITICAL  
6 CONTRIBUTION TO ALABAMA'S ECONOMY.

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8 WHEREAS, the men and women of Alabama's retail  
9 sector, whose work and services rendered are second to none,  
10 are at the very core of Alabama's prosperity; and

11 WHEREAS, sensible public policies have empowered  
12 Alabama's retail sector to do what it does best: innovate,  
13 create, and succeed; and

14 WHEREAS, Alabama retailers sell quality produce  
15 grown in Alabama and the world-class goods made in Alabama, as  
16 well as those produced and made throughout the world; and

17 WHEREAS, as Alabama recovers from an unprecedented  
18 pandemic, our retail sector has been resilient, secure, and  
19 strong; and

20 WHEREAS, Alabama retailers employ more than 400,000  
21 of our fellow citizens, or one of every four employed in the  
22 private sector, thus making Alabama retail the state's largest  
23 employer; and

24 WHEREAS, retail, food, and beverage establishments  
25 account for more than \$19 billion, or nine percent of

1       Alabama's gross domestic product, placing retail in the  
2 state's top five highest-producing industries; and

3               WHEREAS, payroll at Alabama's retail, food, and  
4 beverage establishments exceeds \$9.2 billion; and

5               WHEREAS, Alabama's retail sales, which exceed \$90  
6 billion annually, account for 1.5 percent of all retail sales  
7 nationally; and

8               WHEREAS, in 2020, Alabama retailers collected \$3  
9 billion in sales tax that goes to fund education and essential  
10 programs for the State of Alabama; and

11               WHEREAS, Alabama retailers also supply property  
12 taxes to the State of Alabama, which funds essential programs;  
13 and

14               WHEREAS, Alabama retail has been an integral part of  
15 ongoing efforts to defeat the coronavirus; and

16               WHEREAS, Alabama retailers and food industry  
17 preserved, innovated, and completely reworked their business  
18 plans to faithfully serve their customers, keep their  
19 employees safe, and contribute to their communities during  
20 these unprecedented times; and

21               WHEREAS, Alabama retail worked tirelessly through  
22 storms, a pandemic, and natural disasters over the past year  
23 to provide the services and products that its customers  
24 needed; and

1                   WHEREAS, Alabama retail made cloth masks, converted  
2 breweries into hand sanitizer facilities, provided meals to  
3 first responders and emergency personnel, and donated food and  
4 essential supplies to nonprofits to help our fellow citizens  
5 in need; now therefore,

6                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend the hardworking men  
8 and women of Alabama's retail sector and support their  
9 continued work and prosperity today for our state and for  
10 Alabama's future generations; we urge our fellow citizens to  
11 thank their local retailers for their steadfast service to  
12 their customers.

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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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