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3 By Senator Waggoner
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4 ENROLLED, SJR104,

5 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S TECHNOLOGY SECTOR AND
6 WORKFORCE AND TECHNOLOGY'S ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
7 STATE.

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9 WHEREAS, emerging technologies are driving the
10 creation of the industries of the future, and new technologies
11 are transforming every area of our lives; and

12 WHEREAS, with great pride and pleasure, we recognize
13 Alabama's technology industry and emerging technology job
14 sector's impact on the state's workforce and economy; and

15 WHEREAS, the resources that are invested into
16 Alabama's technology industry and advanced, emerging
17 technologies are critical to creating the industries of the
18 future, including autonomous cars, industrial robots, and
19 algorithms for disease diagnosis; and

20 WHEREAS, as rapid technological innovations take
21 place, Alabama's technology sector continues to improve the
22 lives of people, create jobs, reflect our Nation's values, and
23 keep our fellow citizens safe; and

24 WHEREAS, Alabama's technology sector has grown with
25 more than 148,000 employees; technology accounts for

1 approximately 7.2 percent of Alabama's overall workforce;
2 also, the technology sector had an estimated direct economic
3 impact of 14.5 billion dollars, which is about 7.1 percent of
4 Alabama's total economy; and

5 WHEREAS, tens of thousands of people rely on
6 technology in the workplace; the broad-based impact of the
7 technology industry touches every community, company, and
8 industry market across Alabama; and

9 WHEREAS, Alabama has seen a 57 percent increase in
10 the number of job postings related to emerging technologies,
11 smart cities, drones, artificial intelligence, virtual and
12 augmented reality, and blockchain; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2021, Cyberstates reports that net new
14 technology employment in Alabama will grow by nearly two
15 percent, and by the year 2026, net technology employment will
16 grow by 6.8 percent in Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, Alabama's technology industry and advanced
18 technology sector are having a positive impact on the state's
19 workforce and economy now and in the future; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Alabama's technology sector,
22 technology innovators, and technology job creators are
23 commended, and this resolution is dedicated to them in highest
24 esteem and gratitude.

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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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