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3 By Senators Allen, Elliott, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley,  
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Figures,  
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams  
9 RFD:  
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CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE JONES  
ACT.

WHEREAS, Alabama's access to over hundreds of miles  
of the Black Warrior and Mobile Rivers, the Gulf Intracoastal  
Waterway, and the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway makes it a  
critical hub in the nation's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the current global pandemic has  
demonstrated the critical importance of maintaining resilient  
domestic industries and transportation services to the  
citizens and workforce of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, known as  
the Jones Act and codified in Title 46 of the United States  
Code, requires that vessels carrying cargo between locations  
in the United States be owned by American companies, crewed by  
American mariners, and built in American shipyards; and

WHEREAS, America's ability to project and deploy  
forces globally, and supply and maintain military  
installations domestically, depends on the civilian fleet of  
Jones Act vessels and mariners; and

1           WHEREAS, mariners aboard Jones Act vessels  
2           strengthen America's homeland security as added eyes and ears  
3           monitoring the nation's 95,000 miles of shoreline and 25,000  
4           miles of navigable inland waterways; and

5           WHEREAS, Alabama is home to 12,860 maritime jobs  
6           supported by the Jones Act, the tenth highest per capita among  
7           all states, that generates \$729.4 million in worker income;  
8           and

9           WHEREAS, maritime industry jobs create ladders of  
10          opportunity through high-paying, family-wage careers that  
11          offer significant career advancement without generally  
12          necessitating advanced formal education and extensive student  
13          loans; and

14          WHEREAS, the more than 40,000 vessel-strong Jones  
15          Act fleet supports nearly 650,000 family-wage jobs, over \$154  
16          billion in economic output nationally, and \$2.8 billion to the  
17          Alabama economy; now therefore,

18          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Senate and House  
20          of Representatives affirm their resolute support for the Jones  
21          Act and celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Jones Act  
22          in fostering a strong domestic maritime industry that is  
23          critical to Alabama's and the nation's economic prosperity and  
24          national security.