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3 By Senators Waggoner and Givhan
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4 ENROLLED, SJR65,

5 SUPPORTING THE WEEK OF MAY 1-7, 2022, AS "NATIONAL
6 SMALL BUSINESS WEEK" AND COMMENDING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS OF
7 ALABAMA.

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9 WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 59th 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;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, with over 408,000 small businesses in the
21 State of Alabama, small business owners employ 47 percent of
22 the state's private sector workforce, and small businesses
23 account for 99 percent of Alabama businesses; and

24 WHEREAS, over the last 25 years, Alabama small
25 business employment has grown by nearly 10 percent; and

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

3 WHEREAS, small businesses in the United States
4 employ half of the workforce of the United States and make up
5 99.7 percent of all employees in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, small businesses produce one-third of the
7 exports of the United States and account for nearly half of
8 private sector output, and Alabama small firms exported goods
9 worth over \$2 billion; and

10 WHEREAS, 9.1 percent of all small business owners in
11 the United States are veterans; and

12 WHEREAS, women make up 47 percent of workers and own
13 43 percent of small businesses; and

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

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support the week of May
18 1-7, 2022, as "National Small Business Week"; we encourage all
19 residents of Alabama to: 1) celebrate the entrepreneurial
20 spirit of small business owners in Alabama and the Nation who
21 have chartered their own course to provide jobs and bright
22 futures for millions of American workers; 2) understand the
23 importance of creating a small business climate that allows
24 for sustained economic recovery; 3) celebrate the invaluable
25 contribution that small businesses make to the United States

1 and to Alabama as the backbone of the economy; 4) support
2 increasing consumer awareness of the value and opportunity
3 that small businesses bring to their local communities; and 5)
4 understand the importance of providing more access and
5 resources to minority-owned and underserved firms.

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Waggoner