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3 By Representatives Meadows, Almond, Hassell and McClammy
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8 EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE
9 STATE HOUSE BEGIN RECYCLING PAPER AND ALUMINUM CANS.

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11 WHEREAS, recycling conserves energy, reduces air and
12 water pollution, and conserves natural resources; and

13 WHEREAS, recycling aluminum uses 95 percent less
14 energy than producing aluminum from raw materials, and saves
15 97 percent of green house gas emissions produced in the
16 primary production process; and

17 WHEREAS, recycling one ton of aluminum cans saves
18 14,000 kilowatt hours of energy, 40 barrels of oil, and 10
19 cubic yards of landfill space; and

20 WHEREAS, a recycled empty aluminum can could pass
21 through the recycling process and be back on sale as a brand
22 new can in as little as 60 days; and

23 WHEREAS, it is more efficient to produce recycled
24 paper than new paper; recycled paper requires up to 50 percent
25 less energy to create and produces far less pollution than new
26 paper; and

1 WHEREAS, recycling one ton of office paper saves 60
2 pounds of air pollutants from being released, 7,000 gallons of
3 water, 17 trees, and 380 gallons of oil; and

4 WHEREAS, the recycling rate for Alabama is well
5 below the national average; now therefore

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is the intent of the
8 Legislature that the State House begin recycling paper and
9 aluminum as soon as practicable.