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EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE
STATE HOUSE BEGIN RECYCLING PAPER AND ALUMINUM CANS.

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

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

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

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

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