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SJR___ COMMENDING ALABAMA'S 2023 RECORD EXPORT SALES AND RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT PROFESSIONALS, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALABAMA BUSINESSES THAT EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to be one of the state's most powerful economic engines, setting a new record of $27.4 billion in 2023; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges of uncertain global trade issues, Alabama has maintained and strengthened its reputation as a reliable, world class exporter of the finest goods and services, underscoring the resilience of Alabama's economy; and

WHEREAS, to meet international consumer demands, Alabama exports of goods and services from Alabama were shipped to 190 countries; and

WHEREAS, Alabama exports a variety of products worldwide, such as, vehicles, transportation equipment, agricultural products, chemicals, minerals, iron, steel, machinery, and paper products; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's number one export category is transportation equipment at $14.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, other aerospace products and parts have increased in sales to $2.1 billion, a rise of 23 percent from 2022; and

WHEREAS, there is a worldwide demand for quality

goods and services; Alabama exports are much sought after by international consumers; and Alabama-based products are second to none in quality; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's business community, long known for its resilience and ability to innovate during recent unprecedented times, will promise long-term growth in 2024; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the dedication and professionalism of Alabama's trade and export professionals, including, the Alabama Department of Commerce, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, the Port of Mobile, Export Alabama Alliance, trade organizations, and trade research groups; Alabama's manufacturing and transportation sectors, agriculture, and small businesses that export their products worldwide; and the hard working men and women who are the backbone of Alabama's export and trade sector; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade contributes significantly to the state's economy and sustains thousands of high paying jobs; we congratulate all of those who have contributed to Alabama's record 2023 export performance, and we encourage the continued growth of Alabama's "Made in Alabama" brand of exports to the global marketplace.