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3 By Senators Coleman, Stewart, Coleman-Madison, Figures,
4 Smitherman, Singleton
5 RFD:
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SJR___ SUPPORTING THE JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS
ADVANCEMENT ACT AND FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT.

WHEREAS, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement
Act, designated as House Resolution Fourteen, was
reintroduced in the 119th United States Congress by U.S.
Representative Terri Sewell on March 5, 2025, on the 60th
Anniversary of Bloody Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement
Act was reintroduced in the 119th United States Congress as
Senate Bill Four by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Raphael
Warnock on July 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom to Vote Act, designated as House
Resolution Eleven, of which former Congressman John R. Lewis
authored the first 300 pages, was previously introduced in
the 117th United States Congress by U.S. Representative John
P. Sarbanes on July 18, 2023, and was also introduced as
Senate Bill One by U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar on July 25,
2023; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we, the members of the
Alabama Legislature,

(1) Support the enactment and execution of the
congressional legislation, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights
Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act; as well as



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29 (2) Recognize the work and lifelong legacy of former
30 Congressman John R. Lewis, and, with the support of this
31 Legislation, the State of Alabama and nation will "Get in
32 good trouble, necessary trouble" in acknowledgment and
33 celebration of his extraordinary dedication to the cause of
34 civil and human rights.