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4 HR_____ COMMENDING SENATORS KATIE BRITT AND TOMMY TUBERVILLE
5 FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF, AND URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY
6 CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO FACILITATE, TRANSPORTING GOODS VIA THE
7 CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER.
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9 WHEREAS, Alabama's ability to efficiently and
10 effectively transport goods in both interstate and
11 intrastate commerce along its waterways has long contributed
12 to this state's economic success; and

13 WHEREAS, the uninterrupted movement of commercial
14 navigation, energy resources, agricultural commodities, and
15 manufactured goods depends upon a robust waterway
16 transportation network, with the Port of Mobile serving as a
17 vital gateway that supports employment, industry, and
18 economic growth within Alabama and the broader region; and

19 WHEREAS, agriculture has historically been one of
20 Alabama's largest and most economically prosperous
21 industries, due in large part to the strength of the state's
22 waterway transportation infrastructure; and

23 WHEREAS, both the state's agriculture industry and
24 its overall economic outlook depend, in significant part,
25 upon the ability to efficiently transport goods within and
26 beyond Alabama via these critical economic corridors; and

27 WHEREAS, the Chattahoochee River represents a vital
28 yet underutilized transportation asset with the potential to



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enhance supply chain efficiency, reduce congestion on highways, and provide cost-effective shipping alternatives for Alabama businesses; and

WHEREAS, recent federal support for improvements to the Chattahoochee River infrastructure reflects a strong commitment by Alabama's United States Senators Katie Britt and Tommy Tuberville to strengthen the state's economic competitiveness and infrastructure capacity; and

WHEREAS, timely action by the United States Army Corps of Engineers is essential to ensuring that necessary permitting, dredging, and related processes are completed efficiently so that commercial navigation along the Chattahoochee River may be restored and expanded; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby express our sincere gratitude to the United States Senators Katie Britt and Tommy Tuberville for their leadership and support in securing funding for improvements to the Chattahoochee River infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we respectfully urge the United States Army Corps of Engineers to prioritize and expedite all necessary permitting and regulatory processes to facilitate the timely reopening and enhancement of commercial navigation along the Chattahoochee River for the benefit of Alabama businesses and industries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage the Alabama Agribusiness Council and the Coalition of Alabama Waterways



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57 Association to report benefits associated with increasing
58 the transportation of agricultural and other goods along the
59 Chattahoochee River, and to provide recommendations for
60 maximizing its use as a strategic transportation corridor.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
62 resolution be transmitted to the members of Alabama's
63 congressional delegation and the United States Army Corps of
64 Engineers.