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8 ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE
9 ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO SPEND
10 ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE ALABAMA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE
11 PROGRAM.

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13 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Economic and
14 Community Affairs (ADECA) administers the Alabama
15 Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), a federally funded
16 program that provides much needed home weatherization upgrades
17 to low-income households throughout the state through ADECA
18 agreements with local community action agencies; and

19 WHEREAS, WAP's mission is to generate significant
20 savings in energy costs for low-income households,
21 particularly those having elderly persons, disabled persons,
22 and families with children; and

23 WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
24 of 2009 (the Recovery Act) authorized approximately
25 \$71,800,000 in funding for Alabama's WAP, of which the first
26 approximately \$35,900,000 of funding is available to ADECA for
27 weatherization projects; and

1 WHEREAS, because of the time involved in determining
2 households that are eligible for WAP assistance, and because
3 the Recovery Act requires a training program for
4 weatherization contractors, only about \$3,200,000 of Recovery
5 Act funds have been spent on home weatherization; and

6 WHEREAS, thousands of low-income households are
7 struggling with extremely high energy bills as we are
8 experiencing one of the coldest winters in recent memory; now
9 therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That by copy of this resolution we
12 urge the Governor and the Director of ADECA to increase the
13 participation in WAP projects and spend all available funding
14 for weatherization upgrades for the thousands of households in
15 greatest need in this state.