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8 CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN AND THE  
9 UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR PROTECTING ALABAMA'S ECONOMY,  
10 SAVING JOBS, AND PROMOTING INNOVATION FOR INVESTMENTS.  
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12 WHEREAS, the average growth of the General Fund  
13 between 2001 and 2019 was 3.71 percent; since the Great  
14 Recession ended, the average growth between 2011 and 2019 was  
15 4.71 percent; yet in the fiscal year 2021, the General Fund  
16 grew by 11.44 percent; and

17 WHEREAS, the average growth of the Education Trust  
18 Fund between 2001 and 2019 was 3.14 percent; since the Great  
19 Recession ended, the average growth between 2011 and 2019 was  
20 3.70 percent; the Education Budget also saw significant  
21 improvement with an increase of 16.4 percent in fiscal year  
22 2021, the largest growth rate ever seen in both of Alabama's  
23 budgets; and

24 WHEREAS, to a great extent, the significant growth  
25 in Alabama's economy was because of the federal stimulus  
26 provided to the State of Alabama; \$8.2 billion in direct  
27 stimulus payments were distributed across the state to help

1 families get through these hard times during the COVID-19  
2 pandemic; over \$6 billion in Paycheck Protection Program loans  
3 were distributed to help keep small businesses-the backbone of  
4 our economy-afloat during these difficult times; over \$4  
5 billion in unemployment compensations were distributed for  
6 families facing job losses or shutdowns during the COVID-19  
7 pandemic; and over \$250 million is distributed each month for  
8 the Advanced Child Tax Credit; and

9 WHEREAS, the record revenue growth is unprecedented  
10 for both the General Fund Budget and the Education Trust Fund;  
11 at least half of the growth was directly related to the  
12 Federal Stimulus provided to individuals across the State of  
13 Alabama; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we congratulate President  
16 Biden and the United States Congress for their work in  
17 boosting and protecting Alabama's economy through the COVID-19  
18 pandemic and providing the necessary resources to build back  
19 better.