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3 By Senator Coleman  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR79,

5 DECLARING THE STATE OF ALABAMA A CENSUS PARTNER FOR

6 THE 2010 UNITED STATES CENSUS.

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8 WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to our  
9 state and residents' well-being by helping planners determine  
10 where to locate schools, day care centers, roads, and public  
11 transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to  
12 make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion per year in federal  
15 and state funding is allocated to states and communities based  
16 on census data; and

17 WHEREAS, census data ensure fair Congressional  
18 representation by determining the number of seats each state  
19 will have in the United States House of Representatives, as  
20 well as the accurate redistricting of state legislatures,  
21 county and city councils, and voting districts; and

22 WHEREAS, the 2010 census creates jobs that stimulate  
23 economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our  
24 state; and

1           WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is  
2 protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years; now  
3 therefore,

4           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby declare that the  
6 State of Alabama is committed to partnering with the United  
7 States Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count  
8 in 2010.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That our state will support  
10 the goals and ideals of the 2010 census, as well as the  
11 dissemination of 2010 census information to encourage those in  
12 our state to participate; that our state will encourage people  
13 in Alabama to place an emphasis on the 2010 census and  
14 participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall  
15 awareness of the 2010 census and ensure a full and accurate  
16 census; that our state will support census takers as they help  
17 complete an accurate count; and that our state will encourage  
18 efforts to create opportunities for collaboration between  
19 like-minded groups in the state, such as Complete Count  
20 Committees, to utilize high-profile, trusted voices on the  
21 behalf of the 2010 census.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee  
Secretary

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