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3 By Senator Waggoner
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5 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S RECORD 2018 EXPORTS SALES AND
6 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT
7 PROFESSIONALS, TRADE STAKEHOLDERS, AND ALABAMA BUSINESSES THAT
8 EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS.

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10 WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to
11 be one of the state's most powerful economic engines and job
12 creators; and

13 WHEREAS, demonstrating an abiding dedication to
14 productivity and growth, exports from Alabama were shipped to
15 191 countries and totaled \$21.3 billion in 2018; and

16 WHEREAS, two-way trade between Alabama and the world
17 totaled over \$47.5 billion during 2018; and

18 WHEREAS, the state ranked 24th in the nation for
19 dollar value of exports in 2018; and

20 WHEREAS, Alabama provides a variety of products
21 worldwide, such as: Vehicles, transportation equipment,
22 agricultural products, chemicals, minerals, iron, steel,
23 machinery, and paper products; and

24 WHEREAS, Alabama's largest export category is
25 transportation equipment, totalling \$10 billion; and

1 WHEREAS, exports of Alabama-made aerospace products
2 continue to surge, rising 28 percent to \$2.4 billion, nearly
3 \$1 billion higher than in 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Alabama exports are much sought after by
5 international consumers and Alabama-produced products are
6 second to none in quality and excellence; and

7 WHEREAS, the international trade sector signifies
8 the importance of exporting as a key factor in Alabama's
9 economy; and it enhances the quality of life for all
10 Alabamians, contributes to the state's prosperity, and creates
11 and sustains tens of thousands of high paying jobs; and

12 WHEREAS, we commend Alabama's professional trade
13 community, the Alabama Department of Commerce, the Alabama
14 Department of Agriculture and Industries, the Port of Mobile,
15 Export Alabama Alliance, trade organizations, trade research
16 groups, manufacturing and transportation sectors, agriculture,
17 small businesses, and the hard-working men and women who are
18 the backbone of Alabama's export industry; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade enhances
21 the quality of life for all Alabamians and contributes to the
22 state's economy and prosperity; we congratulate all those who
23 contributed to Alabama's record-high exports in 2018; and we
24 encourage the continued growth of Alabama's exports to the
25 global marketplace.

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President and Presiding Officer of
the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representa-
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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint
Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

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