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3 By Senators Sessions, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman,
8 Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
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4 ENROLLED, SJR8,

5 CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA SEA GRANT
6 CONSORTIUM FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA,
7 THE GULF OF MEXICO REGION, AND THE NATION.
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9 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to convey highest
10 congratulations to the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant
11 Consortium for 50 years of service to Mississippi, Alabama,
12 the Gulf of Mexico region, and the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant
14 Consortium (MASGC) became the nation's first bi-state Sea
15 Grant program in 1972; MASGC has served the bi-state region of
16 Mississippi and Alabama through university-based coastal
17 science research, engagement, and education programming for 50
18 years; the Mississippi State Legislature supports MASGC's
19 research, communications, education, extension, and legal
20 programs to coastal communities that lead to the responsible
21 use of ocean and coastal resources in Mississippi, Alabama,
22 and the Gulf of Mexico region through informed personal,
23 policy, and management decisions; and

24 WHEREAS, MASGC's focus areas are Environmental
25 Literacy and Workforce Development, Healthy Coastal

1 Ecosystems, Resilient Communities and Economies, and
 2 Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture; MASGC members include
 3 Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, The
 4 University of Mississippi, The University of Southern
 5 Mississippi, The University of South Alabama, Auburn
 6 University, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, The University of Alabama,
 7 and The University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

8 WHEREAS, MASGC commits to interdisciplinary
 9 environmental scholarship and community-based natural resource
 10 management and supports educational programs that foster
 11 environmental literacy and workforce skills in science,
 12 technology, engineering, mathematics, and other disciplines
 13 related to coastal resources that are important to communities
 14 that MASGC serves; MASGC research programming supports
 15 undergraduate and graduate education in fields related to
 16 coastal resources; and

17 WHEREAS, MASGC is a leader in local, regional, and
 18 national approaches to understanding and maintaining healthy
 19 ecosystems for the current and future generations; MASGC works
 20 with the growing coastal populations to apply the best
 21 available scientific knowledge to address challenges, such as
 22 increased demands on resources and vulnerability to storms and
 23 a changing climate, that face coastal and inland communities;
 24 MASGC improves the safety and quality of seafood, educates
 25 consumers on choosing nutritious and sustainable products, and

1 expands sustainable practices for seafood harvest and
2 aquaculture production; and

3 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Legislature congratulates
4 the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium for 50 years of
5 service to Mississippi, Alabama, the Gulf of Mexico, and the
6 nation; recognizes the achievements of all current and past
7 staff supported by the MASGC who contributed to fulfilling
8 MASGC's mission of providing integrated university-based and
9 college-based research, communications, education, extension,
10 and legal programs to coastal communities that lead to the
11 responsible use of ocean and coastal resources in Alabama,
12 Mississippi, and the Gulf of Mexico through informed personal,
13 policy, and management decisions; encourages MASGC to continue
14 to support the best science and related education at
15 Mississippi and Alabama colleges and universities to inform
16 public and private decision-making in order to enhance the
17 practical use and conservation of coastal and marine resources
18 while also creating a sustainable economy and environment;
19 encourages MASGC to continue its partnership model in
20 addressing economic opportunities and environmental issues
21 facing coastal communities in Mississippi and Alabama; and
22 requests that an official copy of this resolution is prepared
23 for presentation to the presidents of MASGC universities, the
24 Director of the National Sea Grant College Program, and the
25 Chair of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Mississippi-Alabama Sea
3 Grant Consortium is highly congratulated for dedicating 50
4 years of committed service to Mississippi, Alabama, the Gulf
5 of Mexico region, and the nation, and this resolution hereby
6 serves as a tribute to the remarkable consortium with utmost
7 appreciation and admiration.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 10-FEB-22

By: Senator Sessions