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4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Price, Reed, Roberts,
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COMMENDING ALABAMA'S 2021 EXPORT SALES AND
RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT
PROFESSIONALS, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALABAMA BUSINESSES THAT
EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, Alabama's international exports continue to
be one of the state's most powerful economic engines, surging
more than 21 percent in value than the previous year; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenge of these historic,
unprecedented times, Alabama has maintained and strengthened
its reputation as a reliable, world class exporter of the
finest products and services; Alabama has an integral role to
play in the worldwide recovery; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating an abiding dedication to
productivity and growth in an unparalleled and unpredictable
year of turbulence in global trade, exports of goods and
services from Alabama were shipped to 189 countries and
totaled \$20.9 billion in 2021; and

1 WHEREAS, Alabama ranked 24th in the nation for
2 dollar value of exports in 2021, moving up from 25th in 2020;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, two-way trade between Alabama and the world
5 totaled \$52.4 billion in 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, Alabama provides a variety of products
7 worldwide, such as, vehicles, transportation equipment,
8 agricultural products, chemicals, minerals, iron, steel,
9 machinery, and paper products; and

10 WHEREAS, Alabama's number one export category is
11 transportation equipment, jumping 25 percent to reach \$10.35
12 billion; and

13 WHEREAS, other significant export gains in 2021
14 include chemicals \$2.3 billion, forest products \$1.5 billion,
15 primary metals manufacturing \$1.3 billion, and non-electrical
16 machinery \$1.1 billion; and

17 WHEREAS, the worldwide demand for quality goods and
18 services in Alabama exports are much sought after by
19 international consumers and Alabama-based products are second
20 to none in quality and excellence and Alabama's unique ability
21 to meet worldwide demand; and

22 WHEREAS, Alabama's business community, long known
23 for its resilience and ability to innovate during the
24 unprecedented times, continues to make strides that promise
25 long term growth in 2022; and

26 WHEREAS, we recognize and commend Alabama's
27 trade/export professionals; the Alabama Department of

1 Commerce, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and
2 Industries, the Port of Mobile, Export Alabama Alliance, trade
3 organization and trade research groups; Alabama's
4 manufacturing and transportation sectors, agriculture, and
5 small businesses that export their products worldwide; and the
6 hard working men and women who are the backbone of Alabama's
7 export and trade sector; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That international trade enhances
10 the quality of life for all Alabamians and contributes to the
11 state's economy and prosperity, and sustains thousands of high
12 paying jobs; we congratulate all of those who contributed to
13 Alabama's exports performance in 2021; and we encourage the
14 continued growth of Alabama's exports to the global
15 marketplace.