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3 By Senators Jones, Waggoner, Barfoot, Stutts, Chambliss,
4 Shelnutt, Sessions, Livingston, Whatley, Marsh, Scofield,
5 Givhan and Allen
6 RFD:
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COMMENDING THE SCRAP RECYCLERS ASSOCIATION OF
ALABAMA AND THE INSTITUTE OF SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES AND
THEIR MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been
essential to keep Alabama's manufacturing industry
operational; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's manufacturing industry is a
leader in the production of steel, paper and paper products,
electronics, aluminum, plastics, textiles, tires, and glass,
and continues to produce these materials and products that are
essential to Alabama, the nation, and worldwide markets; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's manufacturers must have a
constant and reliable supply of raw materials to produce these
products; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's manufacturers would not have
access to their needed raw materials without the collecting,
processing, and manufacturing of recyclable and recovered
materials into raw materials by Alabama's recycling industry;
and

1 WHEREAS, in recognition of this fact, Alabama's
2 recyclers have been deemed essential businesses and workers
3 from the onset of the pandemic; and

4 WHEREAS, Alabama's recyclers have followed all
5 appropriate and required protocols, and as a result, have
6 operated safely, protecting their employees and customers in
7 the process; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, hundreds of
9 thousands of valuable recyclable materials, such as
10 automobiles, scrap metal, electronics, paper, glass, plastics,
11 rubber, and textiles, have been kept out of Alabama's
12 landfills and have been manufactured into valuable raw
13 materials; and

14 WHEREAS, those raw materials have been used by
15 manufacturers in Alabama and throughout the world to
16 manufacture a wide variety of products, including toilet
17 paper, respirators, and new automobiles; and

18 WHEREAS, Alabama's recycling industry has provided
19 used auto parts for reuse, allowing the state's citizens to
20 repair their automobiles and maintain reliable transportation
21 throughout the pandemic; and

22 WHEREAS, Alabama's recycling industry has collected,
23 repaired, and redeployed tens of thousands of mobile
24 technology devices, thereby becoming an alternative supplier
25 to education and corporate entities when international supply
26 chains were disrupted during the pandemic, and therefore

1 facilitating students' remote learning needs and supporting
2 citizens working from home; and

3 WHEREAS, Alabama's recycling industry has collected,
4 sorted, and reclaimed plastic products and packaging, which
5 have been used as feedstock to manufacture products that
6 enhance hygiene and sanitation, such as disposable hospital
7 gowns and garbage bags; and

8 WHEREAS, Alabama's recycling industry has continued
9 to collect and recycle scrap tires, protecting public health
10 and the environment, and producing valuable rubber products,
11 such as those used in vital infrastructure projects; and

12 WHEREAS, Alabama's recycling industry has collected,
13 sorted, processed, and delivered recovered fiber to paper,
14 containerboard, and paperboard mills to be used in
15 manufacturing essential products, including tissue products;
16 pulp used in diapers and other personal hygiene products;
17 papers for communication, education, and building/construction
18 products; and papers for packaging for food, beverages, food
19 services, cleaning supplies, pharmaceuticals, medical
20 equipment, and other essential consumer products; now
21 therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF
23 ALABAMA, That the members of the Scrap Recyclers Association
24 of Alabama and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries are
25 essential businesses, and their employees are essential
26 workers who are necessary for the production and manufacturing
27 of goods and products in Alabama and throughout the world; the

1 Scrap Recyclers Association of Alabama and the Institute of
2 Scrap Recycling Industries and their members are to be
3 commended for their roles in maintaining the economic
4 viability of the supply chain for Alabama's manufacturers and
5 their employees; appropriate copies of this resolution shall
6 be made available for distribution to the members of the Scrap
7 Recyclers Association of Alabama and the Institute of Scrap
8 Recycling Industries.