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3 By Senators Waggoner, Allen, Orr, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley,  
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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5 COMMENDING ALABAMA'S 2021 EXPORT SALES AND  
6 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXPORT  
7 PROFESSIONALS, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS, 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, surging  
12 more than 21 percent in value than the previous year; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Alabama ranked 24th in the nation for  
24 dollar value of exports in 2021, moving up from 25th in 2020;  
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1           WHEREAS, two-way trade between Alabama and the world  
2           totaled \$52.4 billion in 2021; and

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

7           WHEREAS, Alabama's number one export category is  
8           transportation equipment, jumping 25 percent to reach \$10.35  
9           billion; and

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

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

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

23          WHEREAS, we recognize and commend Alabama's  
24          trade/export professionals; the Alabama Department of  
25          Commerce, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and

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

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

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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.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Waggoner