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3 By Senators Allen, Elliott, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Figures,
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 08-FEB-22

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE JONES
ACT.

WHEREAS, Alabama's access to over hundreds of miles
of the Black Warrior and Mobile Rivers, the Gulf Intracoastal
Waterway, and the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway makes it a
critical hub in the nation's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the current global pandemic has
demonstrated the critical importance of maintaining resilient
domestic industries and transportation services to the
citizens and workforce of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, known as
the Jones Act and codified in Title 46 of the United States
Code, requires that vessels carrying cargo between locations
in the United States be owned by American companies, crewed by
American mariners, and built in American shipyards; and

WHEREAS, America's ability to project and deploy
forces globally, and supply and maintain military
installations domestically, depends on the civilian fleet of
Jones Act vessels and mariners; and

1 WHEREAS, mariners aboard Jones Act vessels
2 strengthen America's homeland security as added eyes and ears
3 monitoring the nation's 95,000 miles of shoreline and 25,000
4 miles of navigable inland waterways; and

5 WHEREAS, Alabama is home to 12,860 maritime jobs
6 supported by the Jones Act, the tenth highest per capita among
7 all states, that generates \$729.4 million in worker income;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, maritime industry jobs create ladders of
10 opportunity through high-paying, family-wage careers that
11 offer significant career advancement without generally
12 necessitating advanced formal education and extensive student
13 loans; and

14 WHEREAS, the more than 40,000 vessel-strong Jones
15 Act fleet supports nearly 650,000 family-wage jobs, over \$154
16 billion in economic output nationally, and \$2.8 billion to the
17 Alabama economy; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Senate and House
20 of Representatives affirm their resolute support for the Jones
21 Act and celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Jones Act
22 in fostering a strong domestic maritime industry that is
23 critical to Alabama's and the nation's economic prosperity and
24 national security.