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3 By Representatives Gaston, Buskey, Bracy, Baker, Shiver,
4 Drummond, Clarke, Beech, Faust, Williams (JW), Wilcox,
5 Sessions and Jackson
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA HEALTH
4 SYSTEM AND SUPPORTING ITS CONTINUED EFFORTS IN OFFERING
5 HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST ALABAMA
6 AND THE UPPER GULF COAST.

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8 WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama Health
9 system is unique among all health care organizations along the
10 Gulf Coast in its tripartite mission of education, research,
11 and clinical care; and

12 WHEREAS, USA Health includes USA Medical Center, an
13 acute care medical facility with the region's only Level 1
14 trauma center and burn center; USA Children's and Women's
15 Hospital, one of five freestanding hospitals nationwide
16 dedicated to the care of children and women; USA Mitchell
17 Cancer Institute, an academic research and cancer treatment
18 facility; and USA Physicians Group, the Gulf Coast's largest
19 multi-specialty practice; and

20 WHEREAS, within its hospitals and clinics are
21 important services that also provide economic development
22 opportunities to the residents of southwest Alabama and the
23 upper Gulf Coast, including Mississippi and Florida; and

24 WHEREAS, the services provided within USA Health are
25 important to the economic development efforts of the upper

1 Gulf Coast in that companies want and need the unique services
2 offered; and

3 WHEREAS, USA Health's mission of helping people lead
4 longer, better lives includes serving as a safety net health
5 system to provide lifesaving care to the residents of
6 southwest Alabama and the upper Gulf Coast; and

7 WHEREAS, USA Health operates the region's only
8 neonatal and pediatric intensive care units, Level 1 trauma
9 center, and academic-based cancer treatment and research
10 center; and

11 WHEREAS, these specialized and unique services are
12 critical to the well-being of Alabamians and the safety net
13 health system for the underserved; and

14 WHEREAS, the USA Children's and Women's Hospital is
15 the region's leader in deliveries at more than 2,700 births
16 annually; and

17 WHEREAS, the Pediatric Emergency Department of the
18 USA Children's and Women's Hospital sees more than 40,000
19 patients annually; and

20 WHEREAS, the USA Children's and Women's Hospital
21 Hollis J. Wiseman Neonatal Intensive Care Unit has been
22 recently recognized as having one of the best survivability
23 rates for extremely premature births in the nation; and

24 WHEREAS, the USA Medical Center Arnold Luterman
25 Regional Burn Center was recently ranked Number 1 in America

1 for patient outcomes, a distinction it has held many times;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the USA Trauma Center continues to rank
4 among the best in the nation, with the American College of
5 Surgeons Trauma Quality Improvement Program noting that it
6 ranks in the top 10 percent in the country in reducing the
7 risk of a major complication, including death, and a patient
8 is 30 percent more likely to survive a traumatic event with
9 care received at USA; and

10 WHEREAS, these specialized lifesaving services could
11 not exist were it not for the academic mission of the
12 University of South Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, this high level of care is a tribute to the
14 more than 3,800 dedicated employees at USA Health; and

15 WHEREAS, USA Health provides a combined annual
16 economic impact of almost \$800 million to Alabama and its
17 residents; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the University of South
20 Alabama, USA Health, and their dedicated employees be
21 recognized for the contributions made to the health and
22 well-being of the residents of Alabama.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support the
24 furtherance of the mission of USA Health as it seeks to
25 educate the next generation of providers, continues its

1 research for the next generation of clinical cures, and treats
2 all patients of southwest Alabama through its unique,
3 high-quality services.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 15-MAR-18.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

20-MAR-18

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