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3 By Senators Brewbaker and Orr
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8 RECOGNIZING MONTGOMERY AS THE CAPITAL OF THE STATE
9 OF ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, situated in a bend of the Alabama River
12 near the intersection of two important Native American trading
13 routes, Montgomery was formed in 1819 by the combination of
14 two smaller communities; and

15 WHEREAS, Montgomery's prominence as a place of
16 commerce rose rapidly, and in 1846 legislators chose it as the
17 third and final location of Alabama's capital; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1847, a new capitol building in the
19 Greek Revival style arose atop "Goat Hill," a grassy hilltop
20 overlooking Montgomery's main thoroughfare; and

21 WHEREAS, on December 14, 1849, the 30th anniversary
22 of statehood, the capitol burned to the ground; builders
23 completed the current capitol of similar design two years
24 later; and

25 WHEREAS, since that time, the capitol complex has
26 expanded to include more than a dozen buildings in downtown
27 Montgomery; and

1 WHEREAS, since 1851, the Alabama State Capitol in
2 Montgomery has been the seat of government for more than 40
3 governors and served as the backdrop for some of the most
4 consequential events in Alabama and American history, from the
5 Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement; and

6 WHEREAS, designated in 1960 as an Historic Landmark
7 Building, the capitol also serves as a museum managed by the
8 Alabama Historical Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, Alabama is currently engaged in a
10 commemoration of the bicentennial of statehood, a three-year
11 celebration of the people, places, and events that form our
12 rich history; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby recognize
15 Montgomery as the capital of the State of Alabama.