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By Senators Dial, McClendon and Coleman-Madison
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ENROLLED, SJR29,

URGING THE REAPPOINTMENT OFFICE TO WORK WITH U.S.
CENSUS BUREAU TO INCREASE AWARENESS.

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, Article 1,
Section 2, mandates a count every 10 years of all persons
residing in the United States, in all 50 states, Puerto Rico,
and the Island Areas; this requirement includes people of all
ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and noncitizens; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Alabama of 1901
requires the Legislature to redistrict every 10 years
following the decennial census; and

WHEREAS, the next decennial census will occur in
2020 and Alabama will receive the population totals no later
than April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the census totals affect federal funding
statewide as well as individual local communities, and the
data collected helps leaders understand how areas are
changing; and

WHEREAS, the census is identifying and targeting
what is referred to as "hard to count" communities and is
sponsoring that states begin now to accurately account for
identified areas; and

WHEREAS, based on 2017 census population estimates
and population projection shifts gathered by the U.S. Census,
Alabama is in danger of losing a congressional district,
dropping from seven districts to six districts. The number of
a state's congressional districts is based upon each state's
proportion of the national population, counted every 10 years;
now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the Reapportionment
Office to work with the U.S. Census Bureau in developing a
statewide outreach plan to assist the Legislature in
increasing awareness about the census and motivate residents
in the targeted communities to respond for an accurate
population count for Alabama.
President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 28-JAN-18
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 30-JAN-18

By: Senator Dial