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8 COMMENDING THE ALABAMA TRAIL COMMISSION ON PROGRESS  
9 ON THE PINHOTI TRAIL AND ENCOURAGING FURTHER STUDY AND  
10 DEVELOPMENT.  
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12 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail is a premier  
13 long-distance hiking trail known throughout the world; the  
14 southernmost portion of the Appalachian Mountains in Alabama  
15 is known as an important part of the trail; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1925, the Appalachian Trail Conference  
17 adopted an overall plan calling for a main Appalachian Trail  
18 running from New Hampshire to north Georgia and for extension  
19 trails into Maine and Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, the trail extension into Maine was  
21 constructed in the late 1930's and was soon incorporated as a  
22 part of the main Appalachian Trail; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1985, efforts began to link the Pinhoti  
24 Trail to the Appalachian Trail in north Georgia and Alabama;  
25 an ideal extension of the Appalachian Trail, the Pinhoti Trail  
26 consists of 325 breathtaking miles, 171 miles of trail in  
27 Alabama and 154 miles of trail in Georgia; and

1                   WHEREAS, the Alabama Trails Commission and the  
2 Pinhoti Trail Partners including: the Alabama Forestry  
3 Commission, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural  
4 Resources, State Lands Division, and State Parks Division, the  
5 U.S. Forest Service, The University of Alabama Center for  
6 Economic Development, The Conservation Fund, and the Alabama  
7 Hiking Trail Society, have worked to develop and publicize  
8 this incredible Pinhoti Trail throughout the world; now  
9 therefore,

10                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Alabama  
11 Trails Commission and the Pinhoti Trail Partners are commended  
12 for their work in developing and promoting this incredible  
13 Alabama landmark as a part of the world-famous Appalachian  
14 Trail.

15                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama Trails  
16 Commission and the Pinhoti Trail Partners are encouraged to  
17 study the entire length of the Pinhoti Trail for new  
18 infrastructure needs, develop a design for the new  
19 infrastructure, and coordinate the implementation of the  
20 master plan with the intent to support a future effort to  
21 incorporate the Alabama Pinhoti Trail as a part of the  
22 internationally renowned Appalachian Trail.