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CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERNARY 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
WHEREAS, mariners aboard Jones Act vessels strengthen America's homeland security as added eyes and ears monitoring the nation's 95,000 miles of shoreline and 25,000 miles of navigable inland waterways; and

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

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

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

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

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Allen