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5 URGING THE GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT THE STATE'S EFFORT TO  
6 PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALABAMA CITIZENS AND ITS WORKFORCE.

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8 WHEREAS, in 2007, the Legislature of Alabama  
9 concluded that immigration has become a paramount issue facing  
10 the state and the Joint Interim Patriotic Immigration  
11 Commission was established to conduct a fact finding study on  
12 immigration issues and to issue a commission report outlining  
13 suggestions and proposals to address the issues of illegal and  
14 legal immigration in Alabama to the Legislature, Governor, and  
15 members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation; and

16 WHEREAS, the Joint Interim Patriotic Immigration  
17 Commission released its report on February 11, 2008, and after  
18 careful thought, study, and consideration made certain  
19 recommendations to the Governor, the Alabama Legislature, and  
20 the state agencies; and

21 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Alabama endorses the  
22 Joint Interim Patriotic Immigration Commission Report and its  
23 recommendations; now therefore,

1           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge the Governor to:

3           (1) Charge the various state agencies receiving  
4 federal funding to determine which expenses regarding illegal  
5 immigration are reimbursable from the federal government and  
6 then ensure the state is receiving as much funding as possible  
7 to deal with the issues.

8           (2) Establish a special task force to look at the  
9 abuses in the use of public medical services and to propose  
10 recommendations of remedy and mitigation for this and future  
11 legislative sessions.

12           (3) Expand the current 287 (g) program to serve  
13 target areas where the illegal immigrant population has caused  
14 issues in public health services, in the public education  
15 system, and in the community in general.

16           (4) Immediately educate, train, and equip local and  
17 state law enforcement on how to properly enforce current laws  
18 to the greatest extent and ensure that all necessary  
19 equipment, technology, and software are provided for all law  
20 enforcement to quickly and accurately identify a suspect's  
21 resident status during processing.

22           (5) Require the Department of Industrial Relations,  
23 as a service to state employees, to explore means to check  
24 employee names against mismatches and multiple uses and users  
25 of the same Social Security numbers.

1           (6) Require the Alabama Development Office, the  
2 Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, and AIDT  
3 to develop a program that helps businesses recruit legal  
4 workers through career fairs, scholarships, and similar  
5 events, and develop recruitment and training programs outside  
6 major cities.

7           (7) Study and seek to implement a reliable  
8 employment/pre-employment verification system that allows for  
9 a method by which employers in the State of Alabama can be  
10 reasonably assured that employees are legally present and  
11 available to work. This system should be designed to be as  
12 streamlined as possible and not overly increase the burden on  
13 employers or conflict with federal standards. The system  
14 should be first implemented for state and local government  
15 contracts and agencies to evaluate its effectiveness and  
16 economic impact on Alabama.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
18 resolution and the Joint Interim Patriotic Immigration  
19 Commission Report be provided to the Department of Industrial  
20 Relations, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department  
21 of Public Safety, the Alabama Development Office, the Alabama  
22 Department of Economic and Community Affairs, AIDT, and the  
23 Attorney General.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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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.

McDowell Lee  
Secretary

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