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3 By Senator Waggoner
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8 RECOGNIZING RENEW OUR RIVERS.

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10 WHEREAS, Renew Our Rivers began in 2000 as a
11 community river cleanup organized by Alabama Power employees
12 from Plant Gadsden concerned about litter found along the
13 Coosa River; founded by Gene Phifer, the program is now one of
14 the nation's largest river cleanups, including river systems
15 across Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida; and

16 WHEREAS, Renew Our Rivers partnerships bring
17 together employees, civic leaders, community volunteers,
18 homeowner and boat owner organizations, students and other
19 groups to make this effort sustainable; more than 117,000
20 Renew Our Rivers volunteers have collected more than 15.5
21 million pounds of trash and debris from waterways across the
22 Southeast; and

23 WHEREAS, Alabama has more than 132,000 miles of
24 rivers and streams that are among the most biologically
25 diverse waterways in the world; more than 30 cleanups are
26 planned across the state in 2019, from Cedar Bluff and Double

1 Springs to Mobile, Demopolis, and Eufaula to celebrate the
2 20th year of Renew Our Rivers; and

3 WHEREAS, Renew our Rivers is one of many initiatives
4 in which Alabama Power partners with others to promote
5 environmental stewardship in communities across the state; now
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Renew Our Rivers is commended
9 and congratulated for its contributions over the past two
10 decades in cleaning, protecting, and conserving our state's
11 waterways, and a copy of this resolution shall be provided for
12 appropriate presentation and display.