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AG STRANGE SPEAKS AT ALABAMA INDIA BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS' SIXTH ANNUAL RECEPTION

(MONTGOMERY)--- In keeping with his promise to promote economic development, Attorney General Luther Strange spoke to members of the Alabama India Business Partnerships (AIBP) at its sixth annual reception yesterday in Birmingham. Attorney General Strange shared insights of his past experience with economic development projects in India. Prior to his election as Attorney General, he was founding partner of a law firm based in Birmingham that focused primarily on economic development.

Attorney General Strange spoke of his work through groups like AIBP and their importance in strengthening relationships between government and business contacts in India and Alabama. "During my 30-year career as an attorney, I have spent a great deal of time helping business and industry locate and expand in Alabama." In addition to his participation in negotiations for the \$1 billion Hyundai automotive plant in Montgomery and the \$80 million Hudson-Alpha Biotech Research Institute in Huntsville, Strange was instrumental in bringing about the groundbreaking joint venture between UAB, Southern Research Institute and Jubilant Biosys of India.

"Having spent time in India, I am well aware that the relationship between India and the State of Alabama is critical to growing our economy," he said. "Our state is fortunate to have world class institutions like UAB, Alabama State University and Auburn University. My hope is that we can partner with businesses in India to bring more high tech jobs to our great state. Alabama and India share a common language and both respect the rule of law. Public and private entities alike have a great opportunity to capitalize on this emerging market."

AIBP's primary mission is to provide a platform to foster partnerships for profitable expansions of businesses between Alabama and India. The guest of honor at last night's reception was Aziz Hannifa, editor-in-chief of India Abroad.

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