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3 By Representative Merrill
4 RFD:
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8 CONGRATULATING THE BLOOM HILLEL STUDENT CENTER ON
9 ITS OPENING AS NEW JEWISH STUDENT CENTER ON THE UNIVERSITY OF
10 ALABAMA CAMPUS.

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12 WHEREAS, On April 2, 2011, students, alumni, and
13 friends gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the Bloom
14 Hillel Student Center on the campus of the University of
15 Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, the new Jewish student center is
17 approximately 4,200 square feet and is located near the Temple
18 Emanu-El synagogue on campus; it houses a student lounge, a
19 multipurpose room, a kitchen, a library, and a courtyard; and

20 WHEREAS, the old Hillel House was across from
21 Bryant-Denny Stadium for more than 50 years until it was
22 purchased by the university in 2008; the process to build a
23 new home away from home for the Jewish students was a vision
24 shared by the campus President, Robert E. Witt, and the
25 Tuscaloosa Jewish community; a Jewish architect was hired to
26 design it; and

1 WHEREAS, the Jewish student population on campus has
2 grown from a little over 170 in 2007 to over 700 today; the
3 new Bloom Hillel Center provides an opportunity for even more
4 growth; and

5 WHEREAS, the new Bloom Hillel Center symbolizes the
6 Jewish community's commitment to expand its presence on the
7 campus of the University of Alabama and is a proud
8 achievement; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Bloom Hillel Student
11 Center on the campus of the University of Alabama is honored
12 and commended on the occasion of its opening, and this
13 resolution is offered in highest tribute, along with heartiest
14 congratulations and best wishes for continuing success.