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3 By Representative Morrow  
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8 COMMENDING THE TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS  
9 TO THE PHIL CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOLLOWING THE APRIL 27,  
10 2011, TORNADOES, HONORING THE MEMORIES OF FREDRIC ROSEMORE,  
11 PATRICIA GENTRY, ETHAN KNOX, AND EDGAR MOJICA AND RECOMMENDING  
12 THAT THE PLAYGROUND AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BE DESIGNATED THE  
13 "GENTRY-KNOX-MOJICA PLAYGROUND."  
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15 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we  
16 honor the contributions and service of the late Fredric  
17 Rosemore and the Temple B'Nai Israel to the Phil Campbell  
18 Elementary School; and

19 WHEREAS, the storms and tornadoes that ravaged our  
20 state on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, caused unprecedented  
21 levels of destruction to property as well as the loss of the  
22 lives of many Alabamians; and

23 WHEREAS, the playground of Phil Campbell Elementary  
24 School was among the casualties of the devastating tornado  
25 outbreak, and caring people of all ages realized that this was  
26 one loss that could be restored, with the goal of providing

1       some measure of comfort to the children who had been subjected  
2       to so much horror; and

3               WHEREAS, a decorated war hero, an optometrist, and a  
4       very successful Jewish businessman and entrepreneur, Fredric  
5       Rosemore established a fund at the Temple B'Nai Israel in  
6       Florence, Alabama, for the purpose of bridging the gap between  
7       all religions and faiths to enable individuals to view  
8       everyone as God's children and to reaffirm that the greatest  
9       commandment is to love one another; and

10              WHEREAS, the Temple B'Nai Israel made a generous  
11       donation from the fund established by Mr. Rosemore for the  
12       purpose of rebuilding the playground at the Phil Campbell  
13       Elementary School with the hope that it would serve as a  
14       monument of the strength and resilience of the residents of  
15       this state, as well as a proper memorial of this tragedy; and

16              WHEREAS, an extraordinary teacher, Patricia Gentry,  
17       and two exceptional students, Ethan Knox and Edgar Mojica, at  
18       Phil Campbell Elementary School were tragically killed during  
19       the tornado on April 27, 2011; and

20              WHEREAS, in addition to this significant  
21       contribution to the community during this difficult time, the  
22       Temple B'Nai Israel along with the memories of Frederick  
23       Rosemore, as well as Patricia Gentry, Ethan Knox, and Edgar  
24       Mojica have instilled in adults and children alike a generous  
25       spirit of volunteerism and service, an invaluable gift and  
26       legacy which will provide a positive and lasting influence on  
27       our community; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly commend  
3           the Temple B'Nai Israel for its contributions to the  
4           rebuilding of the playground at Phil Campbell Elementary  
5           School and honor the memory of Fredric Rosemore who selflessly  
6           established this fund for the benefit of those in need, and by  
7           copy of this resolution we extend our sincere gratitude.

8                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we recommend that the  
9           playground at Phil Campbell Elementary School be designated  
10          the "Gentry-Knox-Mojica Playground" to honor the memory of  
11          Patricia Gentry, Ethan Knox, and Edgar Mojica.