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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,

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

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