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3 By Representative Morrow
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING THE TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
4 TO THE PHIL CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOLLOWING THE APRIL 27,
5 2011, TORNADOES, HONORING THE MEMORIES OF FREDRIC ROSEMORE,
6 PATRICIA GENTRY, ETHAN KNOX, AND EDGAR MOJICA AND RECOMMENDING
7 THAT THE PLAYGROUND AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BE DESIGNATED THE
8 "GENTRY-KNOX-MOJICA PLAYGROUND."

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10 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we
11 honor the contributions and service of the late Fredric
12 Rosemore and the Temple B'Nai Israel to the Phil Campbell
13 Elementary School; and

14 WHEREAS, the storms and tornadoes that ravaged our
15 state on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, caused unprecedented
16 levels of destruction to property as well as the loss of the
17 lives of many Alabamians; and

18 WHEREAS, the playground of Phil Campbell Elementary
19 School was among the casualties of the devastating tornado
20 outbreak, and caring people of all ages realized that this was
21 one loss that could be restored, with the goal of providing
22 some measure of comfort to the children who had been subjected
23 to so much horror; and

24 WHEREAS, a decorated war hero, an optometrist, and a
25 very successful Jewish businessman and entrepreneur, Fredric

1 Rosemore established a fund at the Temple B'Nai Israel in
2 Florence, Alabama, for the purpose of bridging the gap between
3 all religions and faiths to enable individuals to view
4 everyone as God's children and to reaffirm that the greatest
5 commandment is to love one another; and

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

12 WHEREAS, an extraordinary teacher, Patricia Gentry,
13 and two exceptional students, Ethan Knox and Edgar Mojica, at
14 Phil Campbell Elementary School were tragically killed during
15 the tornado on April 27, 2011; and

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly commend

1 the Temple B'Nai Israel for its contributions to the
2 rebuilding of the playground at Phil Campbell Elementary
3 School and honor the memory of Fredric Rosemore who selflessly
4 established this fund for the benefit of those in need, and by
5 copy of this resolution we extend our sincere gratitude.

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 01-JUN-11.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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