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5 First Read: 16-MAY-17

8 COMMENDING RABBI JONATHAN MILLER FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Rabbi
12 Jonathan Miller is recognized for his distinguished record of
13 professional achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, Rabbi Miller served as Senior Rabbi of
15 Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham, Alabama, the largest Jewish
16 congregation in the state, for nearly three decades; and

17 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the multi-million
18 dollar building campaign (1998-2000) to renovate, update, and
19 add to the temple's facilities and infrastructure, as well as
20 solidify its presence on Birmingham's Southside; and

21 WHEREAS, Rabbi Miller was a strong advocate and fund
22 raiser for creating one of the nation's most substantial
23 endowments benefiting a Jewish congregation of its size; and

24 WHEREAS, Rabbi Miller furthered the study of Torah
25 and Jewish traditions to educate and enrich his own
26 congregants, as well as the community at-large; and

1 WHEREAS, he continued to build on the strong
2 interfaith relations set by his predecessors, bringing
3 together clergy and ministry of all faiths in the greater
4 Birmingham area; and

5 WHEREAS, he helped create and lead an interfaith
6 group of clergy from Southside Birmingham, whose services and
7 programs created a greater understanding among the community's
8 religious institutions; and

9 WHEREAS, Rabbi Miller served as the principal
10 liaison and voice of the Jewish people of Alabama in all
11 matters pertaining to Israel, the Torah, anti-Semitism, and
12 issues sensitive to the Jewish faith; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Rabbi Jonathan Miller is
15 honored and commended, and his outstanding professional
16 achievement is warmly recognized and appreciated, and it is
17 directed that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to
18 him, along with sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.