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8 ESTABLISHING VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM MEMORIAL DAY IN
9 ALABAMA.
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11 WHEREAS, the year 2017 marked 100 years since the
12 Bolshevik Revolution in Russia resulting in the world's first
13 communist regime under Vladimir Lenin, which led to decades of
14 oppression and violence under communist regimes throughout the
15 world; and

16 WHEREAS, based on the philosophy of Karl Marx,
17 communism has proven incompatible with the ideals of liberty,
18 prosperity, and dignity of human life and has given rise to
19 such infamous totalitarian dictators as Joseph Stalin, Mao
20 Zedong, Ho Chi Minh, Pol Pot, Nicolae Ceausescu, the Castro
21 brothers, and the Kim dynasty; and

22 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump declared November 7,
23 2017, a National Day for the Victims of Communism, condemning
24 communism as a political philosophy "incompatible with
25 liberty, prosperity, and the dignity of human life"; and

26 WHEREAS, the bipartisan U.S. Congressional Caucus
27 for the Victims of Communism stated publicly in 2018 that

1 "Marx's defenders often say he cannot be held accountable for
2 what communist regimes did long after his life and death; but
3 Marxist dictators who massacred their own people were applying
4 communist ideology to political practice"; and

5 WHEREAS, communist regimes worldwide have killed
6 more than 100 million people and subjected countless others to
7 the worst and widest-spread human rights abuses known to
8 history, with victims representing many different ethnicities,
9 creeds, and backgrounds; and

10 WHEREAS, through false promises of equality and
11 liberation, communist regimes have, as a matter of government
12 policy, robbed their own citizens of the rights of freedom of
13 religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of association
14 through coercion, brutality, and fear; and

15 WHEREAS, many victims of communism were persecuted
16 as political prisoners for speaking out against these regimes,
17 and others were killed in genocidal state-sponsored purges;
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19 WHEREAS, in addition to violating basic human
20 rights, communist regimes have suppressed freedom of
21 conscience, cultural life, and self-determination movements in
22 more than 40 nations; and

23 WHEREAS, the Victims of Communism Memorial
24 Foundation in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit organization,
25 authorized by unanimous Act of the United States Congress that
26 educates people about the ideology, history, and legacy of

1 communism and honors the people who have suffered and died
2 under communist regimes; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That November 7, in 2019 and in
5 each succeeding year, be designated as Victims of Communism
6 Memorial Day.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House
8 of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the
9 Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation so that members of
10 the organization may be apprised of Alabama's action on this
11 matter.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House
13 of Representatives post the designation of this day on the
14 website of the Alabama Legislature.