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4 HJR____ RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON
5 APRIL 18, 2023.

6 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission will host a
7 2023 State Yom HaShoah Commemoration on April 18, 2023, to
8 observe the passage of Yom HaShoah; the Alabama Holocaust
9 Commission is overjoyed to announce that this year's Yom
10 HaShoah Commemoration will be held at the Alabama Department
11 of Archives and History; and

12 WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah was instituted by Israel in 1951
13 as a day of commemoration for the six million Jews who
14 perished in the Holocaust, the largest manifestation of hate
15 and intolerance in modern history; and

16 WHEREAS, there is no institutionalized ritual for Yom
17 HaShoah; commemorations may include synagogue services,
18 communal vigils, and educational programs; the lighting of
19 memorial candles and reciting of prayers for the departed
20 are generally featured in the solemn ceremony; and

21 WHEREAS, this year's ceremony will include a
22 broadcast of various speakers, including government
23 officials, figures from the Alabama Jewish community, and
24 stories of Holocaust survivors and liberators; and

25 WHEREAS, at this year's ceremony, the presence of

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26 Holocaust survivors who have died within the last year will
27 be dearly missed after decades of sharing their stories and
28 spreading awareness of the horrors they personally witnessed
29 of those who suffered and died during the Holocaust; the
30 ceremony will also commemorate and honor the memory of all
31 victims of the Holocaust, including all living and recently
32 departed Holocaust survivors; and

33 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission was
34 established by legislation in 1999 to foster understanding
35 and promote education about the Holocaust; our good friends
36 and colleagues, Representatives David Faulkner and Danny
37 Garrett, and Senator Jabo Waggoner are all active members of
38 the commission; and

39 WHEREAS, among the duties of the Alabama Holocaust
40 Commission is the responsibility to enhance public awareness
41 of the consequences and significance of the Holocaust; the
42 enabling act of the commission states that it is the policy
43 of the State of Alabama that Holocaust education is the
44 proper concern of all peoples; and

45 WHEREAS, events such as the 2023 Yom HaShoah
46 Commemoration are consistent with the mission of the Alabama
47 Holocaust Commission providing Holocaust education and
48 focusing on citizen involvement in this commemoration; now
49 therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH

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51 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on this momentous occasion
52 of the Yom HaShoah Commemoration sponsored by the Alabama
53 Holocaust Commission on April 18, 2023, we recognize and
54 honor the memory of the lives lost in the Holocaust and
55 honor those who survived to share their stories.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That events such as this
57 year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration are vital to enhancing
58 public awareness of the consequences and significance of the
59 Holocaust, and for instilling in our fellow people a sense
60 of understanding of the true cost of hate and intolerance;
61 by growing and learning from the past and extending grace
62 and mercy, we achieve true victory over the evils of this
63 world.

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