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HJR___ RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON
MAY 2, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission will host a
2024 State Yom HaShoah Commemoration on May 2, 2024, to
observe the passage of Yom HaShoah; the Alabama Holocaust
Commission is overjoyed to announce that this year's Yom
HaShoah Commemoration will be held at the Alabama Department
of Archives and History; and

WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah was instituted by Israel in 1951
as a day of commemoration for the 6,000,000 Jewish men,
women, and children who perished in the Holocaust, the
largest manifestation of hate and intolerance in modern
history; and

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

WHEREAS, Alabamians not only mourn the Jews lost in
the Holocaust, but the Holocaust survivors who have died
within the last year will be dearly missed after decades of
sharing their stories and spreading awareness of the horrors
they personally witnessed and their memories of those who
suffered and died during the Holocaust; it was their stories



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of the brutality of the concentration camps; the tattoos;
the squalid conditions; the forced labor; the hideous
medical experiments; the starvation; and the gas chambers
that drove home the unspeakable horrors they endured; and

WHEREAS, American screenwriter and playwright Rod
Serling spoke these words on why humanity must never forget
the Holocaust and why the concentration camps must never be
torn down, "All the Dachaus must remain standing. The
Dachaus, the Belsens, the Buchenwalds, the Auschwitzes; all
of them. They must remain standing because they are a
monument to a moment in time when some men decided to turn
the Earth into a graveyard. Into it they shoveled all of
their reason, their logic, their knowledge, but worst of
all, their conscience. And the moment we forget this, the
moment we cease to be haunted by its remembrance, then we
become the gravediggers. Something to remember, not just in
The Twilight Zone, but wherever men walk God's Earth."; now
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on this momentous occasion
of the Yom HaShoah Commemoration sponsored by the Alabama
Holocaust Commission on May 2, 2024, we recognize and honor
the memory of the lives lost in the Holocaust, the survivors
who have died over the last year, and we honor those
survivors who remain among us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That events such as this
year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration are vital to ensuring that
Alabamians and the people of the world never, ever forget



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57 the significance and the horror that was the Holocaust.