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3 By Representatives Patterson, Sanderford, Johnson (W) and  
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8 RECOGNIZING MAY 28, 2011 AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF  
9 AZERBAIJAN.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
12 recognize May 28, 2011, as the National Day of Azerbaijan; and

13 WHEREAS, on May 28, 1918, the Azerbaijan Democratic  
14 Republic "ADR" became the world's first predominantly Muslim,  
15 secular parliamentary democracy after the collapse of the  
16 Russian Empire, enabling universal suffrage, equal rights, and  
17 representation for all people, regardless of race, ethnicity,  
18 gender, creed, or political beliefs; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson met with  
20 the Azerbaijani delegation led by the ADR Foreign Minister  
21 Alimardan Topchubashov, in advance of meeting with any other  
22 regional republic's delegations, and on January 12, 1920, the  
23 Allied Supreme Council extended de facto recognition to  
24 Azerbaijan; and

25 WHEREAS, every year for the past 93 years, an  
26 estimated 40 million Azerbaijanis around the world, 8 million  
27 in Azerbaijan, 25 million in Iran, and 400,000 in the United

1 States, observe May 28 as the National Day of Azerbaijan to  
2 commemorate the contributions of their forefathers to the  
3 expansion of freedom and democracy in the Caucasus and the  
4 greater region; and

5 WHEREAS, the recognition of this date shall serve as  
6 a bridge of unity in our common wish for peace, prosperity,  
7 and justice, as well as a triumph of the people's memory of  
8 the great act by the twenty-six Founding Fathers of the  
9 democratic Azerbaijan; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That May 28, 2011, is hereby  
12 recognized as the National Day of Azerbaijan, and it is  
13 further directed that a copy of this resolution be provided  
14 for appropriate presentation and display with our highest  
15 commendation.