

1 HJR373
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3 By Representative DeMarco
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON
4 APRIL 29, 2014.
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6 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission will hold
7 its 2014 State Yom HaShoah Commemoration on Tuesday, April 29,
8 2014, at the State Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama; speaker for
9 the event will be Governor Robert Bentley, and attending
10 Holocaust survivors and Second Generation members will be
11 introduced; and

12 WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah was instituted in Israel in
13 1951 as a day of commemoration for the six million Jews who
14 perished in the Holocaust; and

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

20 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission was
21 established by legislation in 1999 to foster understanding and
22 promote education about the Holocaust; and

23 WHEREAS, among the duties of the Alabama Holocaust
24 Commission is the responsibility to enhance public awareness
25 of the consequences and significance of the Holocaust; the

1 enabling act of the Commission states that it is the policy of
2 the State of Alabama that Holocaust education is the proper
3 concern of all peoples; and

4 WHEREAS, events such as the 2014 Yom HaShoah
5 Commemoration are consistent with the mission of the Alabama
6 Holocaust Commission providing Holocaust education and
7 focusing on citizen involvement in this commemoration; now
8 therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on this momentous occasion of
11 the Yom HaShoah Commemoration sponsored by the Alabama
12 Holocaust Commission on April 29, 2014, we recognize and honor
13 the memory of the lives lost in the Holocaust, and by copy of
14 this resolution prepared for appropriate presentation and
15 display, we recognize this solemn occasion as one to enhance
16 public awareness of the consequences and significance of the
17 Holocaust.

