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3 By Representative DeMarco
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8 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON
9 APRIL 29, 2014.

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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission will hold
12 its 2014 State Yom HaShoah Commemoration on Tuesday, April 29,
13 2014, at the State Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama; speaker for
14 the event will be Governor Robert Bentley, and attending
15 Holocaust survivors and Second Generation members will be
16 introduced; and

17 WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah was instituted in Israel in
18 1951 as a day of commemoration for the six million Jews who
19 perished in the Holocaust; and

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

25 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission was
26 established by legislation in 1999 to foster understanding and
27 promote education about the Holocaust; and

1 WHEREAS, among the duties of the Alabama Holocaust
2 Commission is the responsibility to enhance public awareness
3 of the consequences and significance of the Holocaust; the
4 enabling act of the Commission states that it is the policy of
5 the State of Alabama that Holocaust education is the proper
6 concern of all peoples; and

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

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