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3 By Representatives Faulkner, Garrett, Gaston, McCutcheon,  
4 Carns and Pringle  
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8 ENDORSING AND ENCOURAGING HOLOCAUST EDUCATION IN THE  
9 STATE OF ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Alabama are  
12 resolutely committed to providing a top quality education to  
13 our children; and

14 WHEREAS, the Holocaust was one of the most horrific  
15 tragedies in human history; and

16 WHEREAS, assault, harassment, and vandalism against  
17 Jewish people remain at near historic levels across the United  
18 States; and

19 WHEREAS, a 2018 survey from the Conference on Jewish  
20 Material Claims Against Germany found that 31 percent of  
21 Americans and 41 percent of millennials erroneously believe  
22 that two million or fewer Jews were killed in the Holocaust;  
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24 WHEREAS, a 2018 survey from the same organization  
25 found that 41 percent of Americans and two-thirds of  
26 millennials do not know what Auschwitz was; and

1           WHEREAS, a 2020 survey from the same organization  
2 found that nearly two-thirds of young adults in the United  
3 States are unaware six million Jews were killed in the  
4 Holocaust; and

5           WHEREAS, a 2020 survey from the same organization  
6 found that 31 percent of young adults in Alabama could not  
7 name a single Nazi Concentration Camp, 10 percent were not  
8 sure if they believe the Holocaust happened, and nine percent  
9 erroneously believe the Jewish people caused the Holocaust;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, in the past year there have been several  
12 anti-Semitic incidents in the State of Alabama including acts  
13 of vandalism at houses of worship and a school; and

14           WHEREAS, a 2020 survey conducted by the American  
15 Jewish Committee found that 90 percent of Americans value  
16 Holocaust education; and

17           WHEREAS, in her 2017 proclamation concerning the  
18 Days of Remembrance, Gov. Kay Ivey noted, "the people of the  
19 State of Alabama should always remember the terrible events of  
20 the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution  
21 and tyranny"; now therefore,

22           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend the unwavering and  
24 heroic commitment of our state's educators to ensure our  
25 children have the knowledge and tools they need to become  
26 productive, upstanding, and informed members of society, and  
27 that we welcome the Alabama State Department of Education's

1 stated commitment to ensuring Alabama students have access to  
2 quality Holocaust education.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we believe the  
4 forthcoming revised Alabama Course of Study social studies  
5 curriculum should contain components that ensure students  
6 learn the breadth of the history of anti-Semitism and the  
7 Holocaust, including the Third Reich dictatorship,  
8 concentration camp system, persecution of Jews and non-Jews,  
9 Jewish and non-Jewish resistance, and post-World War II  
10 trials, and communicates the impact of personal  
11 responsibility, civic engagement, and societal response in the  
12 context of the Holocaust.