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3 By Representatives McCutcheon, Faulkner, Carns, Gaston,  
4 Clouse, Garrett, Alexander, Allen, Baker, Ball, Bedsole,  
5 Blackshear, Boyd, Bracy, Brown (C), Brown (K), Chestnut,  
6 Clarke, Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Dismukes, Drake,  
7 Drummond, Easterbrook, Ellis, England, Estes, Farley, Faust,  
8 Fincher, Forte, Givan, Gray, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hanes,  
9 Harbison, Hill, Hollis, Holmes, Howard, Hurst, Ingram, Isbell,  
10 Jackson, Jones (M), Jones (S), Kiel, Kitchens, Lawrence,  
11 Ledbetter, Lee, Lipscomb, Lovvorn, Marques, McCampbell,  
12 McClammy, McMillan, Meadows, Mooney, Moore (M), Moore (P),  
13 Morris, Nordgren, Oliver, Pettus, Poole, Pringle, Rafferty,  
14 Reynolds, Rich, Robbins, Robertson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford,  
15 Scott, Sells, Shaver, Shedd, Shiver, Simpson, Smith, Sorrell,  
16 Sorrells, South, Stadthagen, Standridge, Stringer, Sullivan,  
17 Treadaway, Wadsworth, Warren, Wheeler, Whitt, Whorton, Wilcox,  
18 Wingo, Wood (D) and Wood (R)  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON  
4 APRIL 11, 2021.  
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6 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission, in  
7 partnership with the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center and  
8 The Jewish Community Relations Council of The Birmingham  
9 Jewish Federation, will host a 2021 State Yom HaShoah  
10 Commemoration on Sunday, April 11, 2021, to observe the  
11 passage of Yom HaShoah, which this year falls between the  
12 evenings of April 7 and 8; and

13 WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah was instituted by Israel in  
14 1951 as a day of commemoration for the six million Jews who  
15 perished in the Holocaust, the largest manifestation of hate  
16 and intolerance in modern history; and

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

22 WHEREAS, this year's ceremony will include a  
23 broadcast of various speakers, including government officials,  
24 figures from the Alabama Jewish community, and stories of  
25 Holocaust survivors and liberators; the ceremony will also

1 include the rededication of a newly planted Anne Frank Tree in  
2 Birmingham's Kelly Ingram Park, in memory of the tree in Anne  
3 Frank's garden that she believed symbolized freedom and  
4 nature; and

5 WHEREAS, among the speakers at this year's event  
6 will be Pastor Chris Edmonds, son of World War II hero Master  
7 Sergeant Roddie Edmonds, who was recently designated by Yad  
8 Vashem as "Righteous Among the Nations" for his bravery in  
9 saving the lives of Jewish American soldiers in a German  
10 prisoner of war camp; and

11 WHEREAS, among the honorees of the ceremony will be  
12 Max Steinmetz, survivor of at least five German ghettos or  
13 camps, including the infamous Auschwitz, during which time he  
14 lost his mother, father, sister, and brother; following his  
15 escape and rescue by American forces on May 2, 1945, Mr.  
16 Steinmetz dedicated his life to sharing his story and  
17 spreading awareness of the horrors he and millions of others  
18 endured, in an effort to prevent the same from ever occurring  
19 again; Mr. Steinmetz departed this earth on March 4, 2021,  
20 after many decades of fulfilling that mission; the ceremony  
21 will also commemorate and honor other living and recently  
22 departed Holocaust survivors; and

23 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission was  
24 established by legislation in 1999 to foster understanding and  
25 promote education about the Holocaust; our good friends and

1 colleagues, Representatives David Faulkner and Danny Garrett  
2 and Senator Jabo Waggoner, all of Jefferson County, are active  
3 members of this commission; and

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

10 WHEREAS, events such as the 2021 Yom HaShoah  
11 Commemoration are consistent with the mission of the Alabama  
12 Holocaust Commission providing Holocaust education and  
13 focusing on citizen involvement in this commemoration; now  
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on this momentous occasion of  
17 the Yom HaShoah Commemoration sponsored by the Alabama  
18 Holocaust Commission on April 11, 2021, we recognize and honor  
19 the memory of the lives lost in the Holocaust and honor those  
20 who survived to share their stories.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That events such as this  
22 year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration are vital to enhancing public  
23 awareness of the consequences and significance of the  
24 Holocaust, and for instilling in our fellow people a sense of  
25 understanding of the true cost of hate and intolerance; by

1       growing and learning from the past and extending grace and  
2       mercy, we achieve true victory over the evils of this world.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 01-APR-21.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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