

## HJR156 ENROLLED



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3 By Representative Ross  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 19-Mar-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE'S  
4 1825 VISIT TO ALABAMA.

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6 WHEREAS, the Marquis de Lafayette was a French  
7 nobleman and military officer who volunteered to serve in  
8 the Continental Army during the American Revolution, was  
9 commissioned as a Major General on the staff of General  
10 George Washington, and subsequently became General  
11 Washington's trusted aide and protégé; and

12 WHEREAS, Major General Lafayette played an essential  
13 role in delivering French ships, troops, and provisions to  
14 the Revolutionary cause and commanded American forces at the  
15 decisive Siege of Yorktown in 1781, ushering American  
16 victory in the war and making Lafayette beloved in the  
17 hearts of the new nation; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1824, 50 years after the convening of the  
19 First Continental Congress, President James Monroe invited  
20 Lafayette to tour the United States in commemoration of the  
21 American Revolution and to revive American passion for the  
22 founding principles of liberty and equality during a time of  
23 great political division; and

24 WHEREAS, Lafayette, the last surviving Major General  
25 of the Continental Army, visited all 24 existing states  
26 between August 1824 and September 1825 and was celebrated by  
27 cheering crowds in appreciation of the achievements of  
28 Lafayette and his contemporaries; and



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29 WHEREAS, Lafayette spent nine days in the young state  
30 of Alabama, visiting Ft. Mitchell along the Chattahoochee  
31 River, Lucas Tavern at the western edge of the Creek Nation,  
32 the City of Montgomery, the State Capital at Cahawba, the  
33 Town of Claiborne, and the City of Mobile before departing  
34 for New Orleans; and

35 WHEREAS, a series of commemorative events for K-12  
36 students and the general public will take place commencing  
37 March 30, 2025, and ending April 8, 2025, in communities  
38 along the route taken by Lafayette; and

39 WHEREAS, remembering Lafayette's visit is an occasion  
40 to recall the importance of the revolutionary principles of  
41 liberty and equality secured by the founding generation and  
42 essential to the health and success of our nation today; now  
43 therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
45 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the bicentennial of the  
46 visit of the Marquis de Lafayette to Alabama be commemorated  
47 with celebration and appreciation for the unifying effect of  
48 Lafayette's presence, and that the Alabama organizations  
49 partnering to mark this anniversary be commended for  
50 creating opportunities for education and patriotic  
51 reflection on the part of this great state's citizens.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each entity hosting  
53 commemorative events marking the bicentennial be delivered a  
54 copy of this resolution in recognition of their service to  
55 the public and to our shared American ideals.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 01-Apr-25.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**03-Apr-25**

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