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3 By Representative Ross
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HJR___ COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE MARQUIS DE
LAFAYETTE'S 1825 VISIT TO ALABAMA.

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

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

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

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



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Lafayette and his contemporaries; and

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

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

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

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

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