

HJR186 ENROLLED



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3 By Representative Paschal
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 01-Apr-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 PROCLAIMING APRIL 18, 2025, AS TWO LIGHTS FOR TOMORROW DAY.

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6 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes the
7 importance of honoring and commemorating the 250th
8 anniversary of the founding of our nation; and

9 WHEREAS, the events of 1775 that began the revolution
10 the year before independence was declared are significant
11 moments that signaled the creation of a national identity
12 and unity of purpose that transcended national, geographic,
13 cultural, and societal divides; and

14 WHEREAS, on the evening of April 18, 1775, with
15 impending hostile action from the British Army in Boston,
16 Massachusetts, Paul Revere and William Dawes, along with
17 other alarm riders, undertook a perilous ride to alert
18 everyone in the countryside of the coming danger; and

19 WHEREAS, preceding their departure from Boston, a
20 prearranged signal was set in the Old North Church steeple
21 to ensure that the message got out and did not solely rely
22 on just one or two alarm riders; and

23 WHEREAS, the two lanterns that were the signal were
24 immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "Paul
25 Revere's Ride" as "One if by land, and two if by sea" and
26 have become an enduring symbol of American vigilance,
27 perseverance, and preparedness in the face of adversity; and
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29 WHEREAS, we are reminded, 250 years later, that the
30 call for unity and the call to serve each other is no less
31 relevant today than it was then; and

32 WHEREAS, a national initiative has been proposed by
33 the United States Semiquincentennial Commission that two
34 lights be displayed in public spaces across the country for
35 all to see, marking that significant anniversary in April
36 2025 and the beginning of the 250th anniversary
37 commemorations leading up to Independence Day on July 4,
38 2026; and

39 WHEREAS, that the State of Alabama supports and
40 encourages community events that promote patriotism, unity
41 and reflection on our shared history; and

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
43 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby endorse the
44 national initiative and proclaim Friday, April 18, 2025, as
45 Two Lights for Tomorrow day in the State of Alabama and
46 encourage reflection on the idea that all these historic
47 events were endeavoring toward one common goal: the chance
48 to embrace our God-given rights of life, liberty, and the
49 pursuit of happiness.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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 08-Apr-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

09-Apr-25

Adopted