

## HJR186 INTRODUCED



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4 HJR\_\_\_ PROCLAIMING APRIL 18, 2025, AS TWO LIGHTS FOR  
5 TOMORROW DAY.  
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7 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes the  
8 importance of honoring and commemorating the 250th  
9 anniversary of the founding of our nation; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the two lanterns that were the signal were  
25 immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "Paul  
26 Revere's Ride" as "One if by land, and two if by sea" and  
27 have become an enduring symbol of American vigilance,  
28 perseverance, and preparedness in the face of adversity; and



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30 WHEREAS, we are reminded, 250 years later, that the  
31 call for unity and the call to serve each other is no less  
32 relevant today than it was then; and

33 WHEREAS, a national initiative has been proposed by  
34 the United States Semiquincentennial Commission that two  
35 lights be displayed in public spaces across the country for  
36 all to see, marking that significant anniversary in April  
37 2025 and the beginning of the 250th anniversary  
38 commemorations leading up to Independence Day on July 4,  
39 2026; and

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

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