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4 HJR\_\_\_ HONORING THE ALABAMA HOLOCAUST COMMISSION, THOSE LOST  
5 IN THE HOLOCAUST, AND THOSE SURVIVORS WHO REMAIN AMONG US ON  
6 THE OCCASION OF THE 2025 STATE YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON  
7 APRIL 22, 2025.

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9 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission will host  
10 the 2025 State Yom HaShoah Commemoration on April 22, 2025;  
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12 WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah was instituted by the State of  
13 Israel in 1951 as a day of commemoration for the 6,000,000  
14 Jewish men, women, and children who perished in the  
15 Holocaust, modern history's largest manifestation of hatred,  
16 intolerance, and murder; and

17 WHEREAS, while there is no institutional ritual for  
18 observing Yom HaShoah, many people will participate in  
19 solemn events such as attending synagogue services and  
20 communal vigils, while others will light memorial candles  
21 and recite prayers for the departed; and

22 WHEREAS, the people of Alabama not only mourn those  
23 lost in the Holocaust, but also the following Holocaust  
24 survivors who lived in Alabama and who died in the past  
25 year: Bernie Echt, Robert May, Charles Pollack, and Genya  
26 Safyanova; for decades, they shared their stories and helped  
27 spread awareness of the horrors they personally witnessed,



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as well as their memories of those who suffered and died during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, we also acknowledge Holocaust survivor Izaia "Jack" Schachter of Birmingham, who will be attending the commemoration; and

WHEREAS, Spanish-American philosopher George Santayana wrote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it"; we declare that we will remember the names: Dachau, Bergen-Belsen, Buchenwald, and Auschwitz; that we will remember the cattle cars, the forced labor, the hideous medical experiments, the starvation, the gas chambers, the furnaces, and tortures so ghastly and sadistic they defy description; but most of all, we will remember the victims; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on this occasion of the Yom HaShoah Commemoration sponsored by the Alabama Holocaust Commission on April 22, 2025, we recognize, remember, and honor the memory of the lives lost in the Holocaust as well as the survivors who have died over the last year; we also recognize and honor those survivors who remain among us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That events such as this year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration must continue to ensure that Alabamians and the people of the world never forget the significance and the horror of the Holocaust.