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HJR___ RECOMMENDING STATE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO AVOID USING
THE TERM, "WEST BANK."

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has long supported the
creation of a Jewish state and homeland, evidenced by the
unanimous passage of a 1943 joint resolution, which became
Act 144; and

WHEREAS, the names "Judea" and "Samaria" are the
historically and biblically accurate terms for the ancestral
heartland of the Jewish people, comprising the historical,
spiritual, and geographical core of the Land of Israel; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of the territory to "West Bank"
was a political and administrative process designed to
formalize Jordan's control over the areas of Judea and
Samaria that it occupied during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War;
and

WHEREAS, Israel liberated the land from Jordan during
the 1967 Six-Day War and reinstated its historical name,
with the land south of Jerusalem being considered Judea and
the land north of Jerusalem being considered Samaria; the
ongoing use of "West Bank" expunges the Jewish identity of
Judea and Samaria and obscures the deep historical,
religious, and legal connections of the Jewish people to the
land; now therefore,



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28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
29 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to continue our
30 long-standing tradition of supporting a Jewish state, and to
31 acknowledge the ancient history of the land reaching beyond
32 the Common Era as the homeland to the Jewish people, all
33 state government entities are encouraged to avoid using the
34 term "West Bank" and use the accurate name of "Judea and
35 Samaria" in official government materials.