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8 Forte, Gidley, Givan, Givens, Gray, Hall, Hammett, Harrison,
9 Hassell, Hendrix, Hill, Holk-Jones, Hollis, Hulse, Hurst,
10 Ingram, Jackson, Jones, Kiel, Kirkland, Lamb, Lands, Lawrence,
11 Ledbetter, Lee, Lipscomb, Lomax, Lovvorn, Marques, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, Mooney, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morris, Myrex, Nelson,
13 Oliver, Paramore, Paschal, Pettus, Pringle, Rafferty, Rehm,
14 Reynolds, Rigsby, Robbins, Robertson, Ross, Sellers, Sells,
15 Shaver, Shaw, Shirey, Simpson, Smith, Sorrells, Stadthagen,
16 Standridge, Starnes, Stringer, Stubbs, Tillman, Travis,
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HJR___ RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON
APRIL 14, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission will host a
2026 State Yom HaShoah Commemoration on April 14, 2026, to
observe the passage of Yom HaShoah at the Alabama Department
of Archives and History; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel instituted Yom HaShoah
in 1951; it is now commemorated around the world as a day of
remembrance for the 6,000,000 Jewish men, women, and
children who perished in the Holocaust, a time in human
history so dark and revolting that no words in the
dictionary adequately describe it; and

WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah commemorations include synagogue
services, communal vigils, and educational programs, as well
as the lighting of memorial candles and the reciting of
prayers for the departed in solemn ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Alabamians not only mourn the Jews lost in
the Holocaust, but also the survivors who have died in the
last year, including Jack Schachter, who was honored here
last year; Mr. Schachter's detailed stories, as well as
those of other survivors, describe the hellish conditions of
the concentration camps and the unspeakable horrors they
experienced; those stories are a constant reminder of what
evil men are capable of; and



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29 WHEREAS, Viktor Frankl, an Austrian neurologist,
30 psychiatrist, and Holocaust survivor described in chilling
31 detail the first thing he learned upon arriving at
32 Auschwitz; he asked prisoners who had been there for some
33 time where a colleague and friend of his had been taken; the
34 prisoners asked if his friend was sent to the left side
35 after getting off the train, to which Frankl replied "yes";
36 one of the prisoners said, "Then you can see him there,"
37 with his hand pointing to a chimney that was belching flame
38 and smoke into the sky; the prisoner added, "That's where
39 your friend is, floating up to Heaven"; now therefore,

40 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
41 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That, on this occasion of the Yom
42 HaShoah Commemoration sponsored by the Alabama Holocaust
43 Commission on April 14, 2026, we recognize and honor the
44 memory of the lives lost in the Holocaust, the survivors who
45 have died over the last year, and honor those survivors who
46 remain among us.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That events such as this
48 year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration are vital to ensuring that
49 Alabamians and the people of the world never, ever forget
50 the despicable and abhorrent chapter in human history known
51 as the Holocaust.