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3 By Representatives Faulkner, McCutcheon, Garrett and Carns
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8 RECOGNIZING ALABAMA YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON
9 APRIL 21, 2020.

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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission will hold
12 its 2020 State Yom HaShoah Commemoration on Tuesday, April 21,
13 2020, at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in
14 Montgomery, Alabama; and speaker for the event will be
15 Governor Kay Ivey, and attending Holocaust survivors and
16 Second Generation members will be introduced; and

17 WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah was instituted in Israel in
18 1951 as a day of commemoration for the six million Jews who
19 perished in the Holocaust; and

20 WHEREAS, there is no institutionalized ritual for
21 Yom HaShoah; commemorations may include synagogue services,
22 communal vigils, and educational programs; lighting memorial
23 candles and reciting prayers for the departed are generally
24 part of the solemn ceremony; and

25 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission was
26 established by legislation in 1999 to foster understanding and
27 promote education about the Holocaust; our good friends and

1 colleagues, Representatives David Faulkner and Danny Garrett,
2 and Senator Jabo Waggoner of Jefferson County are active
3 members of this Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, among the duties of the Alabama Holocaust
5 Commission is the responsibility to enhance public awareness
6 of the consequences and significance of the Holocaust; the
7 enabling act of the Commission states that it is the policy of
8 the State of Alabama that Holocaust education is the proper
9 concern of all peoples; and

10 WHEREAS, events such as the 2020 Yom HaShoah
11 Commemoration are consistent with the mission of the Alabama
12 Holocaust Commission providing Holocaust education and
13 focusing on citizen involvement in this commemoration; now
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on this momentous occasion of
17 the Yom HaShoah Commemoration sponsored by the Alabama
18 Holocaust Commission on April 21, 2020, we recognize and honor
19 the memory of the lives lost in the Holocaust, and by copy of
20 this resolution prepared for appropriate presentation and
21 display, we recognize this solemn occasion as one to enhance
22 public awareness of the consequences and significance of the
23 Holocaust.