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8 RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF MARKER
9 TREES IN ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, Native American tribes in Alabama and North
12 America intentionally bent and shaped trees know as maker
13 trees with distinctive characteristics to mark trails and
14 indicate other important sites such as shelter, water, water
15 crossings, and sacred and ceremonial settings; and

16 WHEREAS, the trails on which marker trees were
17 located were used for thousands of years by the pre-colonial
18 inhabitants of Alabama, as well as the early European settlers
19 in the 1700's and 1800's; and

20 WHEREAS, the vast network of marker trees and the
21 early trails and roads have been photographed and documented
22 throughout Alabama and North America since the early 1800's,
23 and these early routes are extremely significant to the
24 development of our modern highway system; and

25 WHEREAS, one of the most impressive examples of the
26 many marker trees still standing across Alabama is a stately

1 oak in Madison County that is located on the historic route of
2 the Trial of Tears; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we recognize the great
5 historic and cultural significance and lasting influence of
6 the trail marker tree network in this state and North America.