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8 RECOGNIZING AND DECLARING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
9 MAGNA CARTA, COMMEMORATING THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAGNA
10 CARTA ON JUNE 15, 2015, AND DECLARING JUNE 15, 2015, AS "THE
11 DAY OF FREEDOM UNDER LAW BY THE MAGNA CARTA."
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13 WHEREAS, upon the field of conflict between free men
14 and the authoritarian rule of the king, the Magna Carta was
15 signed as a compact for freedom, liberty, and democracy; and

16 WHEREAS, upon the banks of the Thames River at
17 Runnymede on June 15, 1215, King John of England sat before
18 the barons and nobles and did execute the Magna Carta
19 guaranteeing the rights and liberties of men; and

20 WHEREAS, the Magna Carta, known as "The Great
21 Charter," provided the form of law and civilization by which
22 Western civilization has since lived; and

23 WHEREAS, now, 800 years later, we acknowledge and
24 celebrate this initial building block of law and order in the
25 world; and

1 WHEREAS, the American colonies' recognition of the
2 Magna Carta as being a higher power above the king and
3 Parliament inspired the formulation and promulgation of the
4 United States Constitution and Bill of Rights; and

5 WHEREAS, the Magna Carta formed the basis of Common
6 Law adopted by the State of Alabama in 1819 upon which
7 principles of law are built by generation upon generation of
8 jurists; and

9 WHEREAS, the Magna Carta has stood the test of time
10 against the threats of authoritarianism, barbarism, and
11 terrorism; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we recognize the Magna Carta
14 and its great contribution to the civilization and protection
15 of liberty, freedom, and democracy in the world.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in today's world of
17 renewed hegemony and terrorism, we renew our commitment to the
18 principles the Magna Carta has provided that make us a free
19 and successful people.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That as a result of the
21 Magna Carta, we continue to enjoy the rights of freedom of
22 religion, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, due process
23 of law, the right of habeas corpus, and the further protection
24 of all rights retained by the people.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the people of the
2 United States and the State of Alabama have freedom under law
3 as a result of this "Great Charter."

4 BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That the State of Alabama
5 does recognize and declare the importance of the Magna Carta
6 and recognizes on this 15th day of June 2015 the 800th
7 anniversary of the Magna Carta and do hereby declare this day
8 to be "The Day of Freedom under Law by the Magna Carta."