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8 RECOGNIZING THE 55TH COMMEMORATION OF THE  
9 ANNIVERSARY OF "BLOODY SUNDAY" AND THE SELMA-TO-MONTGOMERY  
10 MARCH.

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12 WHEREAS, it gives us great pleasure to recognize  
13 Sunday, March 1, 2020, as the 55th commemoration of the  
14 anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" and the Selma-to-Montgomery  
15 March across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama; on  
16 March 7, 1965, about 600 people began a march from Selma,  
17 Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama, led by John Lewis and Hosea  
18 Williams; the marchers demanded an end to discrimination in  
19 voter registration; at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, state and  
20 local lawmen attack the marchers with billy clubs and tear  
21 gas, driving them back to Selma; and

22 WHEREAS, the Selma-to-Montgomery March was a  
23 catalyst for passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act; it is one  
24 of the indelible events in civil rights history that shocked  
25 the conscience of America; the Voting Rights Act has resulted  
26 in reducing voter suppression and spurring significant

1 participation in the voting process by African Americans  
2 throughout the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, since passage of the Voting Rights Act,  
4 there has been an increase in diversity of both race and  
5 gender in state and federal legislatures; the Voting Rights  
6 Act reaffirms the nation's commitment to enforce the Right to  
7 Vote for all Americans; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
9 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we take great pleasure in  
10 recognizing March 1, 2020, as the 55th commemoration of the  
11 anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" and the Selma-to-Montgomery  
12 March.