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3 By Senators Waggoner and Givhan  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR98,

5 RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON  
6 APRIL 26, 2022.

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8 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission will host  
9 a 2022 State Yom HaShoah Commemoration on April 26, 2022, to  
10 observe the passage of Yom HaShoah, which this year falls  
11 between the evenings of April 27 and 28; the Alabama Holocaust  
12 Commission is overjoyed to announce that this year's Yom  
13 HaShoah Commemoration will be a hybrid virtual-physical event,  
14 with physical festivities at the Alabama Department of  
15 Archives and History, accompanied by a digital streaming  
16 celebration; and

17 WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah was instituted by Israel in  
18 1951 as a day of commemoration for the six million Jews who  
19 perished in the Holocaust, the largest manifestation of hate  
20 and intolerance in modern history; and

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

1           WHEREAS, this year's ceremony will include a  
2 broadcast of various speakers, including government officials,  
3 figures from the Alabama Jewish community, and stories of  
4 Holocaust survivors and liberators; and

5           WHEREAS, at this year's ceremony, the presence of  
6 Holocaust survivor Max Herzel will be dearly missed, as he  
7 departed this earth on October 29, 2021, at the age of 91,  
8 after decades of sharing his story and spreading awareness of  
9 the horrors he and millions of others endured; the ceremony  
10 will also commemorate and honor other living and recently  
11 departed Holocaust survivors; and

12           WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission was  
13 established by legislation in 1999 to foster understanding and  
14 promote education about the Holocaust; our good friends and  
15 colleagues, Representatives David Faulkner and Danny Garrett  
16 and Senator Jabo Waggoner, all of Jefferson County, are active  
17 members of this commission; and

18           WHEREAS, among the duties of the Alabama Holocaust  
19 Commission is the responsibility to enhance public awareness  
20 of the consequences and significance of the Holocaust; the  
21 enabling act of the commission states that it is the policy of  
22 the State of Alabama that Holocaust education is the proper  
23 concern of all peoples; and

24           WHEREAS, events such as the 2022 Yom HaShoah  
25 Commemoration are consistent with the mission of the Alabama

1 Holocaust Commission providing Holocaust education and  
2 focusing on citizen involvement in this commemoration; now  
3 therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on this momentous occasion of  
6 the Yom HaShoah Commemoration sponsored by the Alabama  
7 Holocaust Commission on April 26, 2022, we recognize and honor  
8 the memory of the lives lost in the Holocaust and honor those  
9 who survived to share their stories.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That events such as this  
11 year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration are vital to enhancing public  
12 awareness of the consequences and significance of the  
13 Holocaust, and for instilling in our fellow people a sense of  
14 understanding of the true cost of hate and intolerance; by  
15 growing and learning from the past and extending grace and  
16 mercy, we achieve true victory over the evils of this world.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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By: Senator Waggoner