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3 By Representatives Faulkner, Carns, Garrett, Ensler
4 RFD: RULES
5 First Read: 11-Apr-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON
3 MAY 7, 2024.

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5 WHEREAS, the Alabama Holocaust Commission will host a
6 2024 State Yom HaShoah Commemoration on May 7, 2024, to
7 observe the passage of Yom HaShoah; the Alabama Holocaust
8 Commission is overjoyed to announce that this year's Yom
9 HaShoah Commemoration will be held at the Alabama Department
10 of Archives and History; and

11 WHEREAS, Yom HaShoah was instituted by Israel in 1951
12 as a day of commemoration for the 6,000,000 Jewish men,
13 women, and children who perished in the Holocaust, the
14 largest manifestation of hate and intolerance in modern
15 history; and

16 WHEREAS, there is no institutionalized ritual for Yom
17 HaShoah; commemorations may include synagogue services,
18 communal vigils, and educational programs; the lighting of
19 memorial candles and reciting of prayers for the departed
20 are generally featured in the solemn ceremony; and

21 WHEREAS, Alabamians not only mourn the Jews lost in
22 the Holocaust, but the Holocaust survivors who have died
23 within the last year will be dearly missed after decades of
24 sharing their stories and spreading awareness of the horrors
25 they personally witnessed and their memories of those who
26 suffered and died during the Holocaust; it was their stories
27 of the brutality of the concentration camps; the tattoos;
28 the squalid conditions; the forced labor; the hideous



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29 medical experiments; the starvation; and the gas chambers
30 that drove home the unspeakable horrors they endured; and

31 WHEREAS, American screenwriter and playwright Rod
32 Serling spoke these words on why humanity must never forget
33 the Holocaust and why the concentration camps must never be
34 torn down, "All the Dachaus must remain standing. The
35 Dachaus, the Belsens, the Buchenwalds, the Auschwitzes; all
36 of them. They must remain standing because they are a
37 monument to a moment in time when some men decided to turn
38 the Earth into a graveyard. Into it they shoveled all of
39 their reason, their logic, their knowledge, but worst of
40 all, their conscience. And the moment we forget this, the
41 moment we cease to be haunted by its remembrance, then we
42 become the gravediggers. Something to remember, not just in
43 The Twilight Zone, but wherever men walk God's Earth."; now
44 therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
46 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on this momentous occasion
47 of the Yom HaShoah Commemoration sponsored by the Alabama
48 Holocaust Commission on May 7, 2024, we recognize and honor
49 the memory of the lives lost in the Holocaust, the survivors
50 who have died over the last year, and we honor those
51 survivors who remain among us.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That events such as this
53 year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration are vital to ensuring that
54 Alabamians and the people of the world never, ever forget
55 the significance and the horror that was the Holocaust.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 18-Apr-24.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

25-Apr-24

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