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3 By Representative McCutcheon
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 05-MAR-19

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 ESTABLISHING VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM MEMORIAL DAY IN
4 ALABAMA.

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6 WHEREAS, the year 2017 marked 100 years since the
7 Bolshevik Revolution in Russia resulting in the world's first
8 communist regime under Vladimir Lenin, which led to decades of
9 oppression and violence under communist regimes throughout the
10 world; and

11 WHEREAS, based on the philosophy of Karl Marx,
12 communism has proven incompatible with the ideals of liberty,
13 prosperity, and dignity of human life and has given rise to
14 such infamous totalitarian dictators as Joseph Stalin, Mao
15 Zedong, Ho Chi Minh, Pol Pot, Nicolae Ceausescu, the Castro
16 brothers, and the Kim dynasty; and

17 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump declared November 7,
18 2017, a National Day for the Victims of Communism, condemning
19 communism as a political philosophy "incompatible with
20 liberty, prosperity, and the dignity of human life"; and

21 WHEREAS, the bipartisan U.S. Congressional Caucus
22 for the Victims of Communism stated publicly in 2018 that
23 "Marx's defenders often say he cannot be held accountable for
24 what communist regimes did long after his life and death; but

1 Marxist dictators who massacred their own people were applying
2 communist ideology to political practice"; and

3 WHEREAS, communist regimes worldwide have killed
4 more than 100 million people and subjected countless others to
5 the worst and widest-spread human rights abuses known to
6 history, with victims representing many different ethnicities,
7 creeds, and backgrounds; and

8 WHEREAS, through false promises of equality and
9 liberation, communist regimes have, as a matter of government
10 policy, robbed their own citizens of the rights of freedom of
11 religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of association
12 through coercion, brutality, and fear; and

13 WHEREAS, many victims of communism were persecuted
14 as political prisoners for speaking out against these regimes,
15 and others were killed in genocidal state-sponsored purges;
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17 WHEREAS, in addition to violating basic human
18 rights, communist regimes have suppressed freedom of
19 conscience, cultural life, and self-determination movements in
20 more than 40 nations; and

21 WHEREAS, the Victims of Communism Memorial
22 Foundation in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit organization,
23 authorized by unanimous Act of the United States Congress that
24 educates people about the ideology, history, and legacy of

1 communism and honors the people who have suffered and died
2 under communist regimes; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That November 7, in 2019 and in
5 each succeeding year, be designated as Victims of Communism
6 Memorial Day.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House
8 of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the
9 Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation so that members of
10 the organization may be apprised of Alabama's action on this
11 matter.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House
13 of Representatives post the designation of this day on the
14 website of the Alabama Legislature.

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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 adopted by the House 21-MAR-19.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

07-MAY-19

Adopted