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8	RECOGNIZING ALABAMA'S OWN AMERICAN VILLAGE AS THE
9	AMERICAN SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CAPITAL AND RESOURCE
10	CENTER OF ALABAMA AND THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES.
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12	WHEREAS, Public Law 114-196 encourages the Nation to
13	prepare for the Semiquincentennial of the United States of
14	America on July 4, 2026; and
15	WHEREAS, two Alabamians have been appointed to the
16	United States Semiquincentennial Commission to plan the
17	national commemoration, United States Representative, the
18	Honorable Robert Aderholt of Haleyville and Mr. Tom Walker,
19	Founder and CEO of the American Village; and
20	WHEREAS, the American Village in Alabama is at the
21	forefront in the State, region, and Nation in helping prepare
22	ways to engage and inspire students and teachers, local
23	government and community leaders, and leaders of civic,
24	religious, military, patriotic and other organizations in
25	celebrating and commemorating America's stories of freedom and
26	self-government; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has an exceptional opportunity to welcome thousands of visitors from throughout the Southeastern United States at the American Village and to serve as a resource center for the United States Semiquincentennial; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Alabama's own American Village is hereby recognized as the "American Semiquincentennial Celebration Capital" and resource center of Alabama and the Southeastern United States and that visitors from the Nation, Southeastern States, and Alabama are extended an official invitation from the State to come learn how to be a part of this important national commemoration of America's founding and its rich history.