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3 By Representative Hall
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RECOGNIZING THE 55TH COMMEMORATION OF THE
ANNIVERSARY OF "BLOODY SUNDAY" AND THE SELMA-TO-MONTGOMERY
MARCH.

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

WHEREAS, the Selma-to-Montgomery March was a
catalyst for passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act; it is one
of the indelible events in civil rights history that shocked
the conscience of America; the Voting Rights Act has resulted
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.