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3 By Senator Ward
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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

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

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