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H.C.R. No. 211

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins citizens  
2 across Texas in observing Holocaust Remembrance Day on April 29,  
3 2003, to honor Holocaust victims, survivors, families, and  
4 liberators; and

5           WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day unites the entire  
6 community in interfaith services and encourages all people to  
7 reflect on the consequences of violence against our fellowman; and

8           WHEREAS, During the annual commemoration, citizens pay their  
9 respects to those who lost their lives, honor those who survived,  
10 and pray for a future free of hatred and prejudice; and

11           WHEREAS, Children as well as adults were victims and  
12 survivors of the Holocaust; these youngsters created art, journals,  
13 and memoirs as a living testimony of their experiences; to honor  
14 them, a statewide Holocaust art and literature contest for middle  
15 and high school students will be held, and the winning entries will  
16 be exhibited at the Capitol Extension on the day of remembrance; and

17           WHEREAS, Holocaust survivors, liberators, art contest  
18 winners, and representatives of Holocaust museums in the state will  
19 be honored at a reception; special guests in attendance will  
20 include Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst,  
21 Speaker of the House Tom Craddick, Senator Florence Shapiro, and  
22 Representative Joe Nixon; and

23           WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day serves as a solemn  
24 reminder of the importance of practicing tolerance and respect

1 toward others; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
3 hereby recognize April 29, 2003, as Holocaust Remembrance Day and  
4 join in this fitting tribute to the millions of people affected by  
5 the Holocaust.