By: Shapiro S.C.R. No. 35

1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

5 liberators; and

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day serves as a solemn

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- 1 reminder of the importance of practicing tolerance and respect
- 2 toward others; now, therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 4 hereby join in this fitting tribute to the millions of people
- 5 affected by the Holocaust.