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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The malignant consummation of centuries-old hatred
2 and intolerance, the genocidal horror known as the Holocaust will
3 forever stain the history of humankind; and

4 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic
5 persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and
6 its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; during those years, six
7 million Jews, the primary victims of the Holocaust, were murdered;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In addition, Romanies, the handicapped, and Poles
10 were targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or
11 national reasons; millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's
12 Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also
13 suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

14 WHEREAS, The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity
15 to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies,
16 and governments and on the need for respect for all peoples; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1980, the United States Congress created the
18 United States Holocaust Memorial Council and charged it with
19 leading nationwide Holocaust commemorations and educational
20 programs; each year, the council designates an eight-day period as
21 the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust; this year,
22 the Days of Remembrance are being observed from Sunday, April 23,
23 2006, through Sunday, April 30, 2006, a span that includes the
24 International Day of Remembrance, Yom Hashoah, on April 25; and

1 WHEREAS, We, the people of the State of Texas, should always
2 remember the events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against
3 hatred, persecution, and tyranny, while rededicating ourselves to
4 the principle of individual freedom in a just society; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize April 23-30,
8 2006, as the Days of Remembrance, in memory of the victims of the
9 Holocaust, in honor of the survivors, and in tribute to the rescuers
10 and liberators, and encourage all Texans to overcome intolerance
11 and indifference through learning and remembrance.