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H.C.R. No. 156

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Citizens across the State of Texas are joining  
2 others around the world in observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day  
3 on May 9, 2005, to honor victims and survivors of the Holocaust and  
4 their families and liberators; and

5           WHEREAS, Each year this event, also called Yom HaShoah, is  
6 observed on the fifth day following the eighth day of Passover; it  
7 unites a global community in interfaith services and encourages all  
8 people to come together to reflect on the consequences of violence  
9 against our fellowman; and

10          WHEREAS, During the commemoration, citizens pay their  
11 respects to those who lost their lives, honor those who survived,  
12 and pray for a future free of hatred and prejudice; it is a time to  
13 remember the tragedy inflicted on the Jewish people and to seek  
14 reconciliation and the renewal of a deeper faith in humanity; and

15          WHEREAS, On this 60th anniversary of the end of World War II,  
16 Holocaust survivors, liberators, and representatives of Holocaust  
17 museums in the state are being recognized at a special reception in  
18 their honor, one of many events taking place around the globe; and

19          WHEREAS, The wounds from this tragic moment in our collective  
20 history may never heal, but they are certainly easier to bear when  
21 we join hands with others in remembrance and in a pledge to  
22 tolerance and respect; now, therefore, be it

23          RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day on May 9, 2005, and

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1 extend to all those observing this special day sincere best wishes  
2 for a meaningful event.