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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Between 1933 and 1945, Nazi Germany carried out the
2 systematic persecution and annihilation of six million European
3 Jews, as well as millions of other people, and this mass slaughter,
4 known as the Holocaust, will forever signify the devastating
5 results of unchecked intolerance, racism, and cruelty; and

6 WHEREAS, Although it is a painful and wrenching experience to
7 reflect on the tragic events that occurred during these dark years,
8 it is only through remembrance that we can rightfully acknowledge
9 and honor the men, women, and children whose lives were brutally cut
10 short; Jews became the primary victims of the state-sponsored
11 genocide, while Roma, Poles, disabled individuals, homosexuals,
12 Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political
13 dissidents were also persecuted; ultimately, all of these groups
14 were decimated under the tyranny of the Third Reich; and

15 WHEREAS, This horrific and shameful history is a powerful
16 reminder of our responsibilities as citizens of a democracy to
17 remain vigilant against hatred, bigotry, and violence and to defend
18 the causes of individual freedom, national liberty, and equality
19 and respect for every human being; moreover, we must reject the
20 false claims of those who deny the Holocaust; and

21 WHEREAS, Each year, the United States Holocaust Memorial
22 Council designates an eight-day period as the Holocaust Days of
23 Remembrance, and this year's commemoration extends from Sunday, May
24 1, through Sunday, May 8, 2011; and

1 WHEREAS, The events of the Holocaust are inextricably linked
2 to the obligation of people everywhere to uphold the cause of human
3 rights, and as we, the people of Texas, recall this disturbing time
4 in history, may we also be mindful of our duty to stand firm against
5 all forms of injustice; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize May 1 through 8, 2011, as the
8 Holocaust Days of Remembrance, and encourage all Texans to do their
9 part to keep the stories of Holocaust victims and survivors alive.