

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 832

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

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

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

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

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize May 1 through 8, 2011, as the Holocaust Days of Remembrance, and encourage all Texans to do their part to keep the stories of Holocaust victims and survivors alive; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate the Holocaust Days of Remembrance.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on April 26, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate