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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 potential for
5 unchecked intolerance, racism, and cruelty to achieve devastating
6 results; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Each year, the United States Holocaust Memorial
23 Council designates an eight-day period as the Days of Remembrance,
24 and this year's commemoration extends from Sunday, April 7, 2013,

1 through Sunday, April 14, 2013; and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize April 7-14, 2013, as the Days of
9 Remembrance, and encourage all Texans to do their part to keep the
10 stories of Holocaust victims and survivors alive.