

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, January 27, 2019, marks the 74th anniversary of the  
2 liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and death camp,  
3 a place that has come to symbolize for people around the world the  
4 evils of the German Nazi regime and its reign of violence and terror  
5 across Europe; and

6           WHEREAS, After the onset of World War II, German chancellor  
7 Adolf Hitler put into action the "Final Solution," a plan that  
8 escalated his state-enforced policy of oppression of Jewish  
9 citizens and other targeted groups into a campaign of mass murder;  
10 Auschwitz-Birkenau, which opened in the spring of 1940, was the  
11 largest of the Nazi concentration and death camps, consisting of  
12 several facilities and subcamps where a total of at least 1.1  
13 million people ultimately lost their lives; and

14           WHEREAS, By mid-1942, the majority of those being imprisoned  
15 at Auschwitz-Birkenau were Jews; detainees who were considered  
16 unfit for work, including pregnant women, young children, the  
17 elderly, and the infirm, were executed upon arrival, while others  
18 went on to die from overwork, disease, poor nutrition, or arbitrary  
19 acts of violence carried out by the guards; some prisoners were  
20 subjected to inhumane and often fatal experiments conducted by  
21 Josef Mengele and other Nazi researchers; and

22           WHEREAS, In 1944, with Allied forces closing in,  
23 Auschwitz-Birkenau commandants began destroying evidence of the  
24 atrocities that had taken place at the camp; the Germans ordered an

1 evacuation of the compound in January 1945, forcing tens of  
2 thousands of prisoners to embark on death marches that would claim  
3 many lives through exposure, starvation, or exhaustion; the Soviet  
4 Army arrived at Auschwitz-Birkenau as liberators on January 27 and  
5 found more than 7,500 sick or emaciated detainees who had been left  
6 behind, along with the remains and belongings of other victims of  
7 the camp's brutality; the vast majority of the deceased were Jews,  
8 and an additional 70,000 to 80,000 Poles and 19,000 to 20,000 Roma  
9 were also counted in estimates of the dead; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, the anniversary of the liberation of  
11 Auschwitz-Birkenau is observed as International Holocaust  
12 Remembrance Day, an annual day for the world to memorialize the six  
13 million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and the millions of other  
14 victims of Nazism and to develop educational programs aimed at  
15 preventing genocide; only through a true understanding of this  
16 horrific chapter of history can we recognize and confront the  
17 forces of hatred and intolerance, wherever they may manifest, and  
18 work together toward a more hopeful future; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the 74th anniversary of the  
21 liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and death camp  
22 and the observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day on  
23 January 27, 2019.

King of Parker

Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
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Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
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Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
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Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
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Goldman	Murr	Wu
González of Dallas	Neave	Zedler
González of El Paso	Nevárez	Zerwas
Goodwin	Noble	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

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