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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, From 1933 to 1945, Nazi Germany carried out the
2 systematic persecution and mass murder of close to six million Jews
3 as well as millions of other people from targeted groups; and

4 WHEREAS, Touting virulent theories of German racial purity
5 and superiority, the Nazi Party enacted a series of programs that
6 deprived Jewish civilians of their rights and property; this
7 campaign of terror ultimately escalated into genocide on a scale
8 never before witnessed, and as Germany executed its conquest of
9 Europe, some two-thirds of all Jews on the continent perished at the
10 hands of the Nazis; in some countries, such as Poland, the Jewish
11 death toll surpassed 90 percent; and

12 WHEREAS, The year 2019 marks the 86th anniversary of the
13 beginning of the genocide of European Jews; the Holocaust
14 represents one of history's darkest and bleakest periods, and
15 though it serves as a point of shame for humankind, the events that
16 occurred and the lessons we may draw from them must never be
17 forgotten; and

18 WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day, also known as "Yom
19 Hashoah," is observed each year on the anniversary of the start of
20 the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, an act of Jewish resistance that took
21 place in German-occupied Poland in 1943; an estimated 7,000 Jews
22 lost their lives in the revolt, which was staged to oppose the
23 deportation of Jews to Nazi labor and death camps, and it went on to
24 inspire other revolts in camps and ghettos throughout Eastern

1 Europe; and

2 WHEREAS, Many of those who witnessed the horrors of the
3 Holocaust as survivors or concentration camp liberators, as well as
4 their descendants, have made their homes in our state; it is
5 critically important for all Texans to remember the events of the
6 Holocaust so that we may remain fully vigilant against contemporary
7 manifestations of hatred and prejudice; and

8 WHEREAS, With the threat of genocide and ethnic cleansing
9 still present in many war-torn regions of the world, this tragic
10 chapter offers warnings that remain strikingly relevant; as
11 survivors of the Holocaust diminish in number, links must be forged
12 to educate future generations so that they may lead the world to a
13 more tolerant and peaceful future; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize May 2, 2019, as Holocaust Remembrance
16 Day.