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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, which is
2 observed on January 27, provides an important opportunity to pay
3 tribute to those who perished in the Holocaust and to those who
4 survived the atrocities committed by the German Nazi regime; and

5 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was the systematic state-sponsored
6 persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews by Nazi
7 Germany and its collaborators during World War II, and millions of
8 others, including Roma, Poles, disabled individuals, LGBTQ
9 individuals, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents,
10 were also targeted; and

11 WHEREAS, January 27, 2025, marks the 80th anniversary of the
12 liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau German Nazi concentration and
13 death camp in 1945; the United Nations General Assembly declared
14 January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in 2005 and
15 has chosen "Holocaust Remembrance and Education for Dignity and
16 Human Rights" as the theme for the 2025 observance; and

17 WHEREAS, Antisemitism and violence against Jewish people
18 remain serious threats in our society; in 2023, the Anti-Defamation
19 League tabulated nearly 9,000 antisemitic incidents across the
20 United States; the ADL recently published a report finding that
21 according to a global survey almost half of the world's adult
22 population, an estimated 2.2 billion people, harbor deeply
23 entrenched antisemitic attitudes; the survey also found that 20
24 percent of respondents worldwide have not heard about the

1 Holocaust; and

2 WHEREAS, Through a deeper understanding of one of the darkest
3 chapters in history, we can be better prepared to stand ever
4 vigilant against the forces of prejudice and hatred, and the
5 observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day serves to
6 unite us in reaffirming our steadfast commitment to upholding our
7 common humanity; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate January 27, 2025, as International
10 Holocaust Remembrance Day.