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1 House Resolution A resolution encouraging the observance of the 2 3 Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the 4 Holocaust and Yom Hashoah. 5 WHEREAS, the year 1998 marks the fifty-third 6 7 anniversary of the victories of the United States Armed Forces 8 and the Allies over the German National Socialists regime, 9 ending the war in Europe during World War II, and 10 WHEREAS, this great military victory brought the 11 liberation of the Nazi concentration camps and the end of the Holocaust, during which Nazi Germany conducted the planned, 12 13 systematic annihilation of European Jews and other groups, and 14 WHEREAS, the war-hardened United States soldiers not 15 only liberated the Nazi concentration camps, but also extended 16 their tender compassion and generosity to those few survivors 17 of these camps, and 18 WHEREAS, Americans recognize that each individual 19 citizen is responsible for eternal vigilance against all 20 tyranny and for speaking out against such tyranny, and 21 WHEREAS, in 1994 the Florida Legislature mandated that 22 the history of the Holocaust be taught in public schools, in a manner that leads to an investigation of human behavior, an 23 understanding of the ramifications of prejudice, racism, and 24 25 stereotyping, and an examination of what it means to be a 26 responsible and respectful person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity in a pluralistic society 27 28 and nurturing and protecting democratic values and institutions, and 29 WHEREAS, under federal law, the United States Holocaust 30

1998, as the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust and April 23, 1998, as the international Day of Remembrance, known as Yom Hashoah, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida hereby encourages the citizens of the state to observe the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, and Yom Hashoah, in memory of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, and their liberators.