

By Representative Levine

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating Tuesday, April 13,
3 1999, as the "International Day of
4 Remembrance," known as Yom Hashoah.

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6 WHEREAS, the year 1999 marks the fifty-fourth
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
12 Holocaust, during which Nazi Germany conducted the planned
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
23 manner that leads to an investigation of human behavior, an
24 understanding of the ramifications of prejudice, racism, and
25 stereotyping, and an examination of what it means to be a
26 responsible and respectful person, for the purposes of
27 encouraging tolerance of diversity in a pluralistic society
28 and nurturing and protecting democratic values and
29 institutions, and

30 WHEREAS, under federal law, the United States Holocaust
31 Memorial Museum designated Tuesday, April 13, 1999, as the

1 "International Day of Remembrance," known as Yom Hashoah, NOW,
2 THEREFORE,

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4 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
5 Florida:

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7 That the citizens of the state are encouraged to
8 observe the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the
9 Holocaust, and Yom Hashoah, in memory of the victims and
10 survivors of the Holocaust and their liberators.

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