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1 House Resolution A resolution designating Tuesday, May 2, 2000, 2 3 as the "International Day of Remembrance," 4 known as Yom Hashoah. 5 WHEREAS, the year 2000 marks the fifty-fifth 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 WHEREAS, this great military victory brought the 10 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 only liberated the Nazi concentration camps, but also extended 15 16 their tender compassion and generosity to those few survivors 17 of these camps, and 18 WHEREAS, Americans recognize that each individual citizen is responsible for eternal vigilance against all 19 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 27 encouraging tolerance of diversity in a pluralistic society 28 and nurturing and protecting democratic values and 29 institutions, and WHEREAS, under federal law, the United States Holocaust 30 Memorial Museum designated Tuesday, May 2, 2000, 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 citizens of the state are encouraged to observe the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, and Yom Hashoah, in memory of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and their liberators.