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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing May 6, 2005, as
"Holocaust Remembrance Day."

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day set aside annually for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding Americans of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign in human society, and

WHEREAS, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, created by an Act of Congress in 1980, was mandated to lead the nation in civic commemorations of the Holocaust and to encourage appropriate remembrance observances throughout the country, and

WHEREAS, while the Council has called for special observances and remembrance activities to be held during the week surrounding May 6, 2005, it is fitting that we begin to acknowledge the importance of Holocaust Remembrance activities today, March 30, 2005, which is Jewish Advocacy Day, and

WHEREAS, the Holocaust is not only a record of incredible human destruction and loss, and of the stark, staggering immorality of an apathetic world; it is also the story of individuals of extraordinary courage, of life that flourished before the Holocaust, struggled through its darkest hours, and ultimately prevailed as survivors rebuilt their lives; and thus the Holocaust is a vital part of the history of the human spirit, and

WHEREAS, Justice Robert Jackson, Chief U.S. Counsel to the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, expressed the gravity of the social and political meaning of the Holocaust when he wrote: "The wrongs which we seek to

1 | condemn and punish have been so calculated, so malignant, and
2 | so devastating, that civilization cannot tolerate their being
3 | ignored, because it cannot survive their being repeated," NOW,
4 | THEREFORE,

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6 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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8 | That the Senate pauses in its deliberations today,
9 | Jewish Advocacy Day 2005, to contemplate the enormous outrage
10 | committed against the Jewish people and millions of others,
11 | and against Humanity itself, by the moral and political
12 | failures that enabled the Holocaust to take place; calls for
13 | the observation of Holocaust Remembrance Day on May 6, 2005;
14 | and calls upon all within hearing to repeat the vital words:
15 | "Never again for any people, anywhere, at any time," and to
16 | support those words with their actions.

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