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House Resolution

A resolution designating the week of April 23-30, 2006, as "Holocaust Remembrance Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day, also known as Yom Hashoah, has been set aside as a time to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to remind Americans of what can happen among even the most civilized of peoples when bigotry, hatred, and indifference are allowed to run rampant, and

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of six million Jews and millions of other victims between the years of 1933 and 1945, and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Congress created the United States
Holocaust Memorial Council with the charge to build the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and to
encourage annual observances of the Days of Remembrance
nationwide in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and

WHEREAS, the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, Inc., the first Holocaust museum in South Florida, was established in 1979 as a nonsectarian, nonprofit organization proposed to serve as "A Living Memorial Through Education," and

WHEREAS, during the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Week, on Thursday, April 27, 2006, the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, Inc., and the City of Hollywood will dedicate the new home of the Center, a recently acquired 14,000-square-foot building that will be used to display artifacts and provide educational opportunities designed to reduce prejudice

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and promote a resolve that such atrocities must never again be carried out against humankind, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the House of Representatives designates the week of April 23-30, 2006, as "Holocaust Remembrance Week" in Florida.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives congratulates the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, Inc., upon the dedication of its new building and encourages all Floridians to avail themselves of opportunities to gain a better understanding of the attitudes and events that led to the horrors of the Holocaust.