

By Senator Rich

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Holocaust Days of Remembrance, April 27 through May 4, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; Jews were the primary victims (6 million were murdered), and Gypsies, the handicapped, Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents were also subjected to persecution and destruction under Nazi tyranny, and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers us an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments, and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust, remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny, and work to establish justice and fairness for all, and

Whereas, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the State of Florida to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 27 through May 4, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, May 2, NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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32 That the Senate recognizes the week of Sunday, April 27,
33 through Sunday, May 4, 2008, as "Days of Remembrance" in memory
34 of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the Survivors, as
35 well as the rescuers and liberators, and further recognizes that
36 all residents of the State of Florida should strive to overcome
37 intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.