

By Senator Sachs

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commemorating Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 70th anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2015, world leaders recognized the 10th anniversary of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, paying tribute to the 6 million Jews and the estimated 5 million others, including Gypsies, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, individuals with disabilities, and members of the resistance, who were slaughtered by the Nazis under the ruthless regime of Adolf Hitler, and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust is an annual tribute, designated by the Congress of the United States, to commemorate the Holocaust and is recollected during an 8-day period beginning on the Sunday before the Jewish observance of Yom HaShoah and continuing through the following Sunday, and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust will be observed from April 12 through 19, with the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day beginning at sunset on April 15 and ending at sunset on April 16, and

WHEREAS, in the words of author and Holocaust survivor Primo Levi, "It happened, therefore it can happen again. . . . It can happen anywhere," and

WHEREAS, we must never forget this dark chapter in human history, and we must recommit to protecting the persecuted, ending genocide in every corner of the world, and securing the

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30 value and dignity of each person, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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34 That we commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 70th  
35 anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, recognize  
36 the scars and burdens carried by those who survived or lost  
37 loved ones to the Holocaust, denounce bigotry and hatred  
38 wherever it is found, and respect the value and dignity of each  
39 person.