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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing January 27, 2016, as  
3 "International Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the Holocaust, the state-sponsored, systematic  
6 persecution and annihilation of the European Jewry by Nazi  
7 Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, resulted in  
8 the murder of 6 million Jews, and

9 WHEREAS, in addition, the European Roma and Poles were  
10 targeted for decimation for racial, ethnic, and national  
11 reasons, and millions more, including persons with disabilities,  
12 homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and  
13 political dissidents, suffered grievous oppression and death  
14 under Nazi tyranny, and

15 WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity  
16 to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals,  
17 societies, and governments, particularly to remain vigilant  
18 against hatred, persecution, and tyranny, and

19 WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, the General Assembly of the  
20 United Nations adopted a resolution designating January 27 as an  
21 annual International Day of Commemoration to remember the  
22 victims of the Holocaust and to honor the courage and dedication  
23 of those who liberated the concentration camps, and

24 WHEREAS, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, in  
25 honor of its survivors, and in utmost gratitude for the risks  
26 taken by rescuers and liberators, the residents of this state  
27 are encouraged to rededicate themselves to the principles of  
28 human dignity and individual freedom in a just society, thereby  
29 ensuring that such atrocities are never repeated, NOW,  
30 THEREFORE,

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

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That January 27, 2016, is recognized as "International  
Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Florida.