

By Senator Berman

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 28-May 5, 2019, as the "Days of Remembrance" and May 2, 2019, as "Holocaust Memorial Day" in Florida.

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

WHEREAS, in addition, the Romani people, also known as Gypsies, and Polish people were targeted for decimation on the basis of race, ethnicity, or nation of origin, and millions of others, including persons with disabilities, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, and persons who identified as homosexual, suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny, and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to an act of the United States Congress, Public Law No. 96-388, October 7, 1980, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council has designated April 28-May 5, 2019, as the "Days of Remembrance" for the victims of the Holocaust, including "Holocaust Memorial Day," also known as Yom HaShoah, on May 2, 2019, and

WHEREAS, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, in honor of its survivors, and in utmost gratitude for the risks taken by rescuers and liberators, the residents of this state

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30 are encouraged to rededicate themselves to the principles of
31 human dignity and to individual freedom in a just society,
32 thereby ensuring that such atrocities are never repeated, NOW,
33 THEREFORE,

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

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37 That April 28-May 5, 2019, is designated as the "Days of
38 Remembrance" and May 2, 2019, is designated as "Holocaust
39 Memorial Day" in Florida.