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House Resolution

A resolution designating the week of April 12-19, 2015, as the "Days of Remembrance" and April 16, 2015, as "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida.

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

WHEREAS, in addition, Roma (Gypsies) and Poles were targeted for decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons, and millions more, including persons with disabilities, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, 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, particularly to remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law No. 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council has designated Sunday, April 12, through Sunday, April 19, 2015, as the "Days of Remembrance" for the victims of the Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah on April 16, 2015, and

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

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

That the week of April 12-19, 2015, is designated as the "Days of Remembrance" and April 16, 2015, is designated as "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida.