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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 17, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the National Museum of American Jewish  
2 History in Philadelphia on the occasion of the exhibit  
3 "Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at  
4 Black Colleges" and its value to American history.

5 WHEREAS, From January 13 to June 2, 2013, the National Museum  
6 of American Jewish History in Philadelphia features an exhibit  
7 entitled "Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars  
8 at Black Colleges"; and

9 WHEREAS, Created by New York City's Museum of Jewish  
10 Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, this powerful  
11 exhibit depicts how Jewish professors emigrated from Europe and  
12 found employment at Historically Black Colleges and Universities  
13 in the Jim Crow South; and

14 WHEREAS, These Jewish academics had been terminated from  
15 teaching positions in the 1930s as Nazi ideology gained momentum  
16 in Germany and Austria; and

17 WHEREAS, This exhibition illustrates the empathy between two

1 minority groups with a history of persecution who came together  
2 in search of freedom and opportunity and shared the early years  
3 of struggle in the Civil Rights Movement; and

4 WHEREAS, These Jewish scholars not only made their mark  
5 academically but bravely fought for equality and integration in  
6 the Jim Crow South, bolstering a black-Jewish political  
7 partnership that significantly influenced the Civil Rights  
8 Movement; and

9 WHEREAS, In highlighting the unique relationship forged  
10 between the Jewish and African-American communities at a time  
11 when both groups faced immense prejudice and oppression, this  
12 exhibit presents an inspiring chapter in the struggle to end  
13 discrimination in the United States; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
15 honor the National Museum of American Jewish History in  
16 Philadelphia on the occasion of the exhibit "Beyond Swastika and  
17 Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges" and its  
18 value to American history.