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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Governor's Thirty-sixth Annual Holocaust
Commemoration, May 4, 2016.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the 2
Governor's Thirty-sixth Annual Holocaust Commemoration, May 4, 3
2016; and 4

WHEREAS, Holocaust is the term given to the period of 5
persecution and extermination of European Jews by National 6
Socialist, or Nazi, Germany. Beginning with Adolph Hitler's rise 7
to power in 1933, German Jews were gathered from their homes and 8
sent to concentration camps, and following the outbreak of World 9
War II, Hitler began the extermination of all European Jews in the 10
countries that his armies conquered. By the fall of the Third 11
Reich in 1945, more than twelve million people, including six 12
million Jews, had been systematically murdered in the Holocaust; 13
and 14

WHEREAS, This destruction of millions of human lives is an 15
unequaled tragedy in human history. The atrocities that occurred 16
as a result of Hitler's efforts to establish a master race stand 17
as a frightening example of the inhumanity created when the 18
unchecked fear and indifference of the general population are 19
fueled by those in power. Indeed, we must remain vigilant so that 20
events such as the Holocaust never occur again; and 21

WHEREAS, In Ohio, May 4, 2016, has been designated to 22
observe the Governor's Thirty-sixth Annual Holocaust Commemoration 23
in memory of all those who perished at the hands of the Nazi 24

Regime. This event serves as a time to reflect on and remember 25
this brutal episode in history, for only by acknowledging the 26
crimes of which mankind is capable can we work against prejudice 27
and hatred to ensure a future of hope and peace; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 29
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 30
this Resolution, recognize the Governor's Thirty-sixth Annual 31
Holocaust Commemoration; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 33
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 34
media of Ohio. 35