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House Resolution

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2 A resolution designating the week of May 1-8, 2016, as
3 the "Days of Remembrance" and May 5, 2016, as
4 "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida.
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6 WHEREAS, the Holocaust, the state-sponsored, systematic
7 persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany
8 and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, resulted in the
9 murder of six million Jews, and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, pursuant to an act of the United States Congress
21 (Public Law No. 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States
22 Holocaust Memorial Council has designated Sunday, May 1, through
23 Sunday, May 8, 2016, as the "Days of Remembrance" for the
24 victims of the Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance known
25 as Yom HaShoah on May 5, 2016, and

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

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

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37 That the week of May 1-8, 2016, is designated as the "Days
38 of Remembrance" and May 5, 2016, is designated as "Holocaust
39 Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida.