Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to California Holocaust Memorial Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 15, as amended, Levine. California Holocaust Memorial Week. This measure would proclaim April 12 through April 19, 2015, as California Holocaust Memorial Week and would urge Californians to observe these days of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner.
WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the
world had never before witnessed; and
WHEREAS, More than 65 years have passed since the tragic
events we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which the
dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews as part
of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final Solution
of the Jewish Question”; and
WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims, but they were not
alone. Five million other people were murdered in Nazi
concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated,
state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political
annihilation under the Nazi tyranny; and
WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who
provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including
the many soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided
comfort to those suffering; and
WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,
that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the
Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its
citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;
and
WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible
events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,
persecution, and tyranny lest these atrocities be repeated; and
WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively
rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual
freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and
democratic society; and
WHEREAS, Each person in California should set aside moments
of his or her time every year to give remembrance to those who
lost their lives in the Holocaust; and
WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
has designated April 12 through April 19, 2015, as the Days of
Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the
International Day of Remembrance, known as Yom Hashoah,
which runs from the evening of April 15 until the evening of April
16, 2015; and
WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and nationally recognized scholar, “a memorial unresponsive to the future would violate the memory of the past”; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims April 12 through April 19, 2015, as “California Holocaust Memorial Week,” and that Californians are urged to observe these days of remembrance for victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.