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## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 152

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 152—Relative to California  
Holocaust Memorial Day.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 152, as amended, Bloom. California Holocaust Memorial Day.

This measure would proclaim May 16, 2016, as California Holocaust  
Memorial Day and would urge all Californians to observe this day of  
remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the  
2 world had never before witnessed; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 70 years have passed since the tragic  
4 events we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which the  
5 dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews as part  
6 of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final Solution  
7 of the Jewish Question”; and

8 WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims, but they were not  
9 alone. Five million other people were murdered in Nazi  
10 concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated,  
11 state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political  
12 annihilation under the Nazi tyranny; and

13 WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who  
14 provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including  
15 the many soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided  
16 comfort to those suffering; and

17 WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,  
18 that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the  
19 Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its  
20 citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible  
23 events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,  
24 persecution, and tyranny lest these atrocities be repeated; and

25 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively  
26 rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual  
27 freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and  
28 democratic society; and

29 WHEREAS, Each person in California should set aside moments  
30 of his or her time every year to give remembrance to those who  
31 lost their lives in the Holocaust; and

32 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council  
33 recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the  
34 Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance, known as Yom  
35 Hashoah; and

36 WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor  
37 and nationally recognized scholar, “a memorial unresponsive to  
38 the future would violate the memory of the past”; now, therefore,  
39 be it

1     *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
2     *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims May 16, 2016,  
3     as “California Holocaust Memorial Day,” and that Californians  
4     are urged to observe this day of remembrance for victims of the  
5     Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it further  
6     *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit  
7     sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate  
8     distribution.

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