

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 45

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 45—Relative to California Holocaust Memorial Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 45, as introduced, Ruskin. California Holocaust Memorial Week.

This measure would proclaim April 20 through April 26, 2009, 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.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the
- 2 world had never before witnessed; and
- 3 WHEREAS, More than 60 years have passed since the tragic
- 4 events we now call the Holocaust transpired, in which the
- 5 dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews as part

1 of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final Solution
2 of the Jewish Question”; and

3 WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims, but they were not
4 alone. Five million other people were murdered in Nazi
5 concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated,
6 state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political
7 annihilation under the Nazi tyranny; and

8 WHEREAS, We must teach our children and future generations
9 that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the
10 Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its
11 citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred, cruelty, and
12 inhumanity; and

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

16 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively
17 rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual
18 freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and
19 democratic society; and

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

23 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
24 has designated April 21 through April 23, 2009, as the Days of
25 Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the
26 International Day of Remembrance, known as Yom HaShoah, on
27 April 21, 2009; and

28 WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor
29 and nationally recognized scholar, “... a memorial unresponsive
30 to the future would violate the memory of the past”; now, therefore,
31 be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That April 20 through April 26, 2009, be
34 proclaimed “California Holocaust Memorial Week,” and that
35 Californians are urged to observe these days of remembrance for
36 victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
- 2 sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate
- 3 distribution.

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