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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 4

**Introduced by Assembly Members Block and Bonnie Lowenthal
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Miller, and John A. Pérez) *John A. Pérez, Achadjian, Alejo, Allen,
Ammiano, Atkins, Beall, Bill Berryhill, Bonilla, Bradford,
Brownley, Buchanan, Butler, Charles Calderon, Campos, Carter,
Cedillo, Chesbro, Conway, Cook, Davis, Dickinson, Donnelly, Eng,
Fletcher, Fong, Furutani, Galgiani, Garrick, Gatto, Gordon, Gorell,
Grove, Hagman, Hall, Harkey, Hayashi, Roger Hernández, Hill,
Huber, Hueso, Huffman, Jeffries, Knight, Lara, Logue, Ma,
Mansoor, Mendoza, Mitchell, Monning, Morrell, Nestande, Nielsen,
Olsen, Pan, Perea, V. Manuel Pérez, Portantino, Silva, Skinner,
Smyth, Solorio, Swanson, Torres, Valadao, Wagner, Wieckowski,
Williams, and Yamada)***

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to California
Holocaust Memorial Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 4, as amended, Block. California Holocaust Memorial Week.

This measure would proclaim May 1, through May 8, 2011, 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 65 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
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 has designated May 1 through May 8, 2011, as the Days of
34 Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the
35 International Day of Remembrance, known as Yom HaShoah, on
36 May 2, 2011; and

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

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That May 1 through May 8, 2011, be
3 proclaimed “California Holocaust Memorial Week,” and that
4 Californians are urged to observe these days of remembrance for
5 victims of the 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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