

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 141

Introduced by Assembly Members Butler and Allen

March 29, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 141—Relative to California Holocaust Memorial Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 141, as introduced, Butler. California Holocaust Memorial Week.

This measure would proclaim April 15 through April 22, 2012, 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 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

1 WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who
2 provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including
3 the many soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided
4 comfort to those suffering; and

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
21 has designated April 15 through April 22, 2012, as the Days of
22 Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the
23 International Day of Remembrance, known as Yom Hashoah, on
24 April 19, 2012; and

25 WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor
26 and nationally recognized scholar, "... a memorial unresponsive
27 to the future would violate the memory of the past"; now, therefore,
28 be it

29 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims April 15 through
31 April 22, 2012, as "California Holocaust Memorial Week," and
32 that Californians are urged to observe these days of remembrance
33 for victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it
34 further

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

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