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H. R. No. 55

Speaker Batchelder, Representatives Budish, Huffman, Adams, J., Brenner, Buchy, Heard, Pelanda, Phillips, Kunze, Szollosi

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Governor's Thirty-third Annual Holocaust Commemoration, April 9, 2013.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio recognize the Governor's Thirty-third Annual Holocaust Commemoration, April 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust is the term given to the period of persecution and extermination of European Jews by National Socialist, or Nazi, Germany. Beginning with Adolph Hitler's rise to power in 1933, German Jews were gathered from their homes and sent to concentration camps, and following the outbreak of World War II, Hitler began the extermination of all European Jews in the countries that his armies conquered. By the fall of the Third Reich in 1945, more than twelve million people, including six million Jews, had been systematically murdered in the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, This destruction of millions of human lives is an unequaled tragedy in human history. The atrocities that occurred as a result of Hitler's efforts to establish a master race stand as a frightening example of the inhumanity created when the unchecked fear and indifference of the general population are fueled by those in power. Indeed, we must remain vigilant so that events such as the Holocaust never occur again; and

WHEREAS, In Ohio, April 9, 2013, has been designated to

observe the Governor's Thirty-third Annual Holocaust Commemoration in memory of all those who perished at the hands of the Nazi Regime. This event serves as a time to reflect on and remember this brutal episode in history, for only by acknowledging the crimes of which mankind is capable can we work against prejudice and hatred to ensure a future of hope and peace; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of
Representatives of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting
this Resolution, recognize the Governor's Thirty-third Annual
Holocaust Commemoration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio.