

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

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(COMPANION TO LSB 4425SS BY KRAMER)

1 A Concurrent Resolution designating the week of April 14
2 through April 21, 1996, as Days of Remembrance of the
3 Victims of the Holocaust.

4 WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored,
5 systematic persecution and annihilation of European
6 Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between
7 1933 and 1945; and

8 WHEREAS, the primary victims of the Holocaust were
9 6,000,000 Jews, another 5,000,000 victims included
10 Gypsies, Serbs, Poles, resistance fighters, German
11 opponents of Nazism, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses,
12 Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents,
13 habitual criminals, beggars, vagrants, and hawkers;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, 1996 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the
16 International Military Tribunal's trial at Nuremberg
17 of 22 major Nazi leaders, and the continuation of
18 subsequent military tribunals at Nuremberg, as well as
19 in other Allied-occupied sectors of Germany, to try
20 additional Nazi criminals; and

21 WHEREAS, the charter for the Nuremberg Trials
22 established, for the first time in international law,
23 that crimes against humanity, as well as crimes
24 against peace, and war crimes are punishable, thus
25 making the individuals who were responsible for
26 promulgating governmental policies that resulted in
27 aggressive war and genocide accountable for their
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1 actions; and

2 WHEREAS, Americans recognize that in addition to
3 the need for international law to provide judicial
4 accountability for crimes against humanity, each
5 citizen is responsible for eternal vigilance against
6 all tyranny; and

7 WHEREAS, Tuesday, April 16, 1996, has been
8 designated, pursuant to an Act of Congress, as a Day
9 of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, known
10 internationally as Yom Hashoah; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
12 SENATE CONCURRING, That the week of April 14 through
13 April 21, 1996, is designated as Days of Remembrance
14 of the Victims of the Holocaust, in memory of the
15 victims.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
17 encourage the citizens of Iowa to strive collectively
18 and individually to overcome bigotry, hatred, and
19 indifference through learning, tolerance, and
20 remembrance.

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