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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **117**
2 BY KRAMER
3 (COMPANION TO LSB 4425HH BY JACOBS)

4 A Concurrent Resolution designating the week of April 14
5 through April 21, 1996, as Days of Remembrance of the
6 Victims of the Holocaust.

7 WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored,
8 systematic persecution and annihilation of European
9 Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between
10 1933 and 1945; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the charter for the Nuremberg Trials
25 established, for the first time in international law,
26 that crimes against humanity, as well as crimes
27 against peace, and war crimes are punishable, thus
28 making the individuals who were responsible for
29 promulgating governmental policies that resulted in
30 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 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the week of April 14
13 through April 21, 1996, is designated as Days of
14 Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, in memory
15 of the 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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