

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 32 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, IRVIN, QUIGLEY, SCHLOSSBERG, STAATS, DRISCOLL, BAKER, GAINNEY, D. MILLER, MACKENZIE, KINSEY, O'BRIEN, DIGIROLAMO, GODSHALL, SAINATO, RAPP, GABLER, DOWLING, DEAN, BARRAR, MURT, MILLARD, D. COSTA, LONGIETTI, FRANKEL, DAVIS, KAVULICH, KAUFFMAN, CALTAGIRONE, TOEPEL, McNEILL, DONATUCCI, MENTZER, DeLUCA, READSHAW, WARREN AND FREEMAN, JANUARY 23, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 23, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 27, 2017, as "International Holocaust
2 Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, During World War II, Germany's Nazi regime, led by
4 Adolf Hitler, invaded several European countries in order to
5 accomplish its goals of expanding its power and territory and
6 providing for racial purity; and

7 WHEREAS, Germany's Nazi regime executed millions of Jews as
8 part of its goal to provide for racial purity; and

9 WHEREAS, The murder of approximatley six million European
10 Jews and millions of others by Germany's Nazi regime during
11 World War II came to be known as the Holocaust; and

12 WHEREAS, On January 27, 1945, the largest concentration camp,
13 Auschwitz-Birkenau, was liberated by Soviet troops, resulting in
14 the freedom of many Jews who experienced the atrocities of the
15 Nazi regime; and

1 WHEREAS, Due to the importance and significance of this day
2 in history, the General Assembly of the United Nations
3 designated January 27 as "International Holocaust Remembrance
4 Day"; and

5 WHEREAS, This day is recognized each year to honor Holocaust
6 victims and educate people about the history of the Holocaust to
7 help prevent future acts of genocide; and

8 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the United Nations also
9 encourages, as part of its original declaration in 2005, that
10 this day be used to condemn religious intolerance, incitement,
11 harassment or violence against individuals or communities based
12 on ethnic origin or religious belief; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize January
14 27, 2017, as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day" in
15 Pennsylvania.