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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 25, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, or the Night
2 of Broken Glass, in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, November 9 and November 10, 2013, marks the 75th
4 anniversary of Kristallnacht, a pogrom authorized by Nazi party
5 officials and carried out by paramilitary forces, members of the
6 Sturmabteilungen (SA) and Schutzstaffel (SS), as well as Hitler
7 Youth and non-Jewish civilians; and

8 WHEREAS, Kristallnacht marked the Nazi party's first large-
9 scale violent anti-Semitic operation and a crucial turning point
10 in Nazi anti-Semitic policy; and

11 WHEREAS, During Kristallnacht, synagogues, homes and
12 businesses in Jewish communities throughout Nazi Germany and
13 parts of Austria were attacked, resulting in murders and arrests
14 of Jewish people in Germany and in Austrian and Czechoslovakian
15 territories controlled by the Nazis; and

1 WHEREAS, The events of Kristallnacht resulted in the burning,
2 damage and destruction of hundreds of synagogues, the looting of
3 thousands of businesses and homes, the desecration of Jewish
4 cemeteries, the murder of 91 Jewish people and the arrest and
5 deportation of 30,000 Jewish men to concentration camps; and

6 WHEREAS, The shards of broken glass from the windows of
7 synagogues, Jewish homes and Jewish-owned businesses ransacked
8 during the violence that littered the streets led to the
9 pogrom's name of Kristallnacht, commonly translated as the Night
10 of Broken Glass; and

11 WHEREAS, Kristallnacht proved to be a critical turning point
12 in the Holocaust, marking a shift from a policy of removing
13 Jewish people from Germany and German-occupied lands to
14 murdering millions of people, and was a tragic precursor to
15 World War II; and

16 WHEREAS, Despite numerous global efforts to eradicate hate,
17 manifestations of anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance
18 continue to harm our societies on a global scale; and

19 WHEREAS, The lessons of Kristallnacht highlight how hate can
20 proliferate and erode our societies and serve as a reminder that
21 we must advance global efforts to ensure such barbarism and mass
22 murder never occur again; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives pay tribute to
26 the more than 6,000,000 Jewish people killed during the
27 Holocaust and the families affected by the tragedy; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, together with
30 all United States citizens, continue efforts to address the

1 horrible legacy of the Holocaust and combat manifestations of
2 anti-Semitism domestically and globally; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
4 the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center, 10100
5 Jamison Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19116, to Holocaust education
6 programs in colleges throughout Pennsylvania, to the Secretary
7 of Education and to members of the Human Relations Commission.