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House Concurrent Resolution No. 48

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2 3 4	WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1945, six million Jews and millions of others were murdered in the Holocaust as part of a structured, state-sanctioned program of genocide and millions of other people suffered as victims of Nazism, such as the handicapped, political dissidents, and many others for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and
5 6 7 8	WHEREAS, it is important to remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors are never repeated and the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and
10 11 12 13	WHEREAS, those who liberated the Nazi concentration camps, some of whom lost their lives and others of whom have experienced lifelong emotional suffering, hold an honored place in our history; and
14 15	WHEREAS, those who survived the killing camps tell us that as many people walked to their deaths, their last words were "Remember us"; and
16171819	WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Hebrew as Yom HaShoah, is a day set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding people around the world of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign; and
202122	WHEREAS, internationally, Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on the 15th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, which this year falls on Thursday, April 8, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, it is appropriate to join in this international commemoration, marking 76 years since the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camps:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby declare April 8, 2021, "Holocaust Remembrance Day" in the state of Missouri; that we pause in our deliberations in solemn memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, rescuers, and liberators; that we urge one and all to recommit themselves to the lessons of the Holocaust through the international week of commemoration; and that we express our common desire to continually strive to overcome prejudice and inhumanity through education, vigilance, and resistance; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum and the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D.C.

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