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Designating April 13 through April 19 as "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust".

Whereas, less than forty years ago, six million Jews as well as millions of others were murdered in Nazi concentration camps as part of a planned program of extermination;

Whereas the people of the United States of America should always remember the terrible atrocities committed by the Nazis so that they are never repeated;

Whereas the people of the United States should continually rededicate themselves to the principle of equality;

Whereas the people of the United States should remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny, recognizing that tyranny provides a breeding ground for bigotry to flourish;

Whereas April 13 has been designated internationally as a day of remembrance of victims of the Nazi holocaust, known as Yom Hoshuah; and

Whereas it is appropriate for the American people to join in the international commemoration: Now, therefore, be it

Days of
Remembrance of
Victims of the
Holocaust.
Designation.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in memory of all the victims of the holocaust and in the hope that Americans will strive always to overcome cruelty and prejudice through vigilance and resistance, the days of April 13 through April 19, 1980, are hereby designated as the "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis and to commemorate such days with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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