

Rep. VerHeulen offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 341.

A resolution to declare April 24, 2014, as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, It is with a deep sense of respect for the memory of the millions of men, women, and children who perished during the Holocaust at the hands of the Nazis and for the men and women who have been touched by this horror throughout their lives that we offer this expression of tribute; and

Whereas, We also honor the valor of non-Jews who fought against tyranny and evil and exposed themselves and their families to danger while saving many Jews from concentration camps and death. We are proud, humbled, and honored to memorialize their amazing courage and their enormous sacrifices; and

Whereas, Many decades have passed since the Holocaust came to an end, yet the trauma of this horrible event is still experienced by all who survived. Their numbers dwindle with each passing year and it is up to others to keep the world aware and to firmly avow that the atrocities of the Holocaust will never be repeated; and

Whereas, We will recognize the Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony on April 24, 2014, in memory of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps and the subsequent prosecution under international law of the major Nazi war criminals; and

Whereas, We urge the citizens of this state to strengthen the resolve that this nightmare may never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 24, 2014, as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan. We remember the Holocaust and its many survivors and the bravery of those who fought to help the persecuted; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Jewish Conference as evidence of our profound respect and esteem.