

Senator Kahn offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 35.

A resolution marking the 64th Anniversary of the end of the Holocaust and declaring April 19-26, 2009, as Holocaust Remembrance Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Holocaust Remembrance Week is a solemn time of commemoration honoring the victims of the Holocaust and those who showed resistance and heroism in our world history; and

Whereas, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators during the years 1933 through 1945. Six million Jews were murdered and millions more, including Gypsies, the handicapped, Poles, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

Whereas, Holocaust Remembrance Week is a time to applaud those men and women who endured, who rebuilt lives that had been so cruelly shattered, and once again dreamed of a future for their children. It is a week to recall with admiration those heroes who risked and often lost their own lives in order to save others, and it is a week for the world to firmly avow that the atrocities of the Holocaust will never be repeated; and

Whereas, We must always remember and never forget the millions who died for who they were, how they worshipped, what they believed in, who they loved, and who were killed because of their strength, their differences, or their physical disabilities. We are proud, humbled, and honored to memorialize their amazing courage and there enormous sacrifices; and

Whereas, On April 19-26, 2009, we will recognize the Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony, *Never Again: What You Do Matters*, in memory of the 64th Anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps and the subsequent prosecution under international law of the major Nazi war criminals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body mark the 64th Anniversary of the end of the Holocaust and declare April 19-26, 2009, as Holocaust Remembrance Week in the state of Michigan.