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Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Whereas, on January 27, 1945, Allied troops entered the Auschwitz complex concentration camp and liberated the more than 7,000 still-living prisoners;

Whereas during World War II, the Nazi regime, its allies, and its collaborators systematically killed approximately 6,000,000 Jews, including 1,500,000 million Jewish children, as well as millions of others including Roma, mentally or physically disabled people, gay men, political prisoners and resistance members, Poles and other Slavs, and Soviet prisoners of war;

Whereas two-thirds of European Jewry and one-third of world Jewry were killed as a result of Nazi persecution during World War II;

Whereas at least 1,300,000 people were deported to Auschwitz between 1940 and 1945, approximately 1,100,000 of whom were murdered;

Whereas thousands of prisoners at Auschwitz were selected by Josef Mengele and other Auschwitz physicians to be the victims of cruel and unethical medical experimentation;

Whereas in the days leading up to the liberation of Auschwitz, tens of thousands of prisoners were forced to participate in so-called ''death marches'' from Auschwitz;

Whereas the Nazis murdered their victims in Auschwitz by systematically using such methods as gas chambers, mass executions, hanging, starvation, and torture, by sub-

jecting them to forced labor, and by denying them even the most basic medical treatment for disease or infection;

Whereas according to The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, there are over 80,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States and over a third live below the poverty line;

Whereas there has been an increase in the number and intensity of antisemitic incidents around the world and in the United States, including the single deadliest attack against the Jewish community in the history of the United States at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh in 2018 and a series of attacks against Jews across the country, which has increased feelings of vulnerability among Jewish communities; and

Whereas antisemites in America and around the world continue to invoke Nazi ideology and use symbols such as the swastika and other fascist imagery to vandalize synagogues and Jewish institutions; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the memory of the liberation of Auschwitz;

(2) memorializes the 6,000,000 Jewish victims of the Nazi regime, the millions of others who were systematically killed by the Nazis and their collaborators during World War II, and the over 1,000,000 victims at Auschwitz;

(3) expresses gratitude to the members of the Allied forces who liberated Auschwitz and the U.S. Armed Forces and the forces of Allied nations who

risked their lives to liberate many other Nazi camps and sites of incarceration;

(4) honors the survivors who have traveled around the world to share their personal and painful stories in order to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust serve as a warning to future generations;

(5) commemorates the role that Holocaust memorials like the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum play in implementing educational lessons about the Holocaust, as well as the genocides that have come after, and about ways to prevent future genocides and other atrocities;

(6) encourages Federal and local social services agencies to support Holocaust survivors who live in poverty;

(7) reaffirms its support for educational efforts that teach current and future generations about the Holocaust; and

(8) urges all Federal agencies, and the American people, to commit to addressing unchecked intolerance and prejudice, including racial, ethnic, or religious biases in order to improve efforts to identify and combat antisemitism and other forms of bigotry and intolerance.

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