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A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising as
2 a symbol of the strength of all people against tyranny and
3 evil.

4 WHEREAS, The Senate regularly and rightfully marks historic
5 events showcasing the strength of people against tyranny and
6 evil; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1939, Nazi Germany invaded Poland and by October
8 1940 had confined nearly 400,000 Polish Jews to a 3.5 square-
9 mile Warsaw ghetto; and

10 WHEREAS, In July 1942, the Nazis began expelling more than
11 200,000 Jews from the Warsaw ghetto to concentration camps and
12 extermination centers while telling them they were being taken
13 to work on road projects and factories; and

14 WHEREAS, By October 1942, only 60,000 Jews remained in the
15 Warsaw ghetto; and

16 WHEREAS, The remaining Jews, upon learning the true fate of
17 those who had been expelled, built a system of underground

1 tunnels and bunkers and armed themselves with grenades and
2 explosives bought from the Polish underground; and

3 WHEREAS, The Jews heard on the first night of Passover, April
4 19, 1943, that their own annihilation was imminent and defended
5 themselves with Molotov cocktails, rifles and revolvers against
6 the Nazi tanks, artillery planes and flame throwers that rolled
7 into the Warsaw ghetto at 2 a.m.; and

8 WHEREAS, The members of the Jewish resistance, vowing "to
9 live with honor and to die with honor," held off the German
10 attacks for 28 days; and

11 WHEREAS, The Warsaw ghetto uprising has come to be viewed
12 historically as an epic battle for the honor of all Jews
13 murdered by the Nazis; and

14 WHEREAS, April 19, 2013, represents the 70th anniversary of
15 the Warsaw ghetto uprising; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe the 70th anniversary of the
17 Warsaw ghetto uprising as a symbol of the strength of all people
18 against tyranny and evil.