

**No. R-187. House concurrent resolution recognizing January 27, 2024 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.142)

Offered by: Representative Patt of Worcester

Offered by: Senator Ram Hinsdale

Whereas, the Holocaust refers to Nazi Germany's annihilation during the Second World War of six million Jews, as well as millions of others, including Romas, LGBTQ persons, persons with disabilities, political dissidents, and members of other targeted populations, and

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly has designated January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a date selected in recognition of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp and as a special memorial to the millions of Holocaust victims, and

Whereas, International Holocaust Remembrance Day was established to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust and to promote Holocaust education throughout the world, and the Vermont Holocaust Memorial in Jeffersonville is dedicated to the expansion of Holocaust education in Vermont, and

Whereas, since 2010, there has been a specific theme for each year's observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and in 2024 the theme is the Fragility of Freedom, emphasizing that "those who are targeted for persecution have had their freedom restricted and removed, before many of them are murdered," and

Whereas, according to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), between October 7 and December 7, 2023, there were 2,031 recorded antisemitic incidents in the United States, representing a 337 percent increase over the same period in 2022, a year that saw the largest number of such incidents since the ADL began tracking this data in 1979, and

Whereas, these figures highlight the importance of the educational initiatives of organizations such as the Vermont Holocaust Memorial, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes January 27, 2024 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Holocaust Memorial.