

Reps. David Law, Accavitti, Adamini, Bieda, Brown, Byrnes, Byrum, Clack, Clemente, Condino, Dillon, Donigan, Emmons, Espinoza, Farhat, Farrah, Gillard, Gleason, Gosselin, Green, Hansen, Hildenbrand, Hopgood, Hummel, Jones, Kahn, Kolb, Leland, Lemmons, III, Lemmons, Jr., Lipsey, Marleau, Mayes, McDowell, Meisner, Meyer, Miller, Mortimer, Palsrok, Pearce, Proos, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Alma Smith, Virgil Smith, Taub, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Vander Veen, Waters, Wojno and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 190.

A resolution to encourage the schools throughout this state to emphasize the history of the Holocaust in their history course offerings.

Whereas, The Holocaust, which resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people and countless numbers of other minorities, will forever be a warning to all people of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism, and prejudice. Indeed, the people of the State of Michigan should always remember the atrocities of the Holocaust so the horrors of genocide may never again be repeated; and

Whereas, Holocaust remembrance is more than a look back upon the toll of human suffering and loss; it provides a unique opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the struggle against inhumanity and injustice. As the world stops to commemorate January 27 for Holocaust remembrance, may we also recommit ourselves to educating future generations with the lessons of the Holocaust and the need for vigilance against the repetition of these barbarous acts; and

Whereas, The Holocaust outraged mankind. As time goes on, however, the lessons of this tragedy tend to dim, and, in fact, lead some to deny it as a historical event. Education is the key to inculcating future generations with the spirit of social justice that will preserve freedom of thought, religion, and conscience, and serve as the bulwark against intolerance. It is important to include the history of the Holocaust as an integral part of our student's history education. We must take advantage of this unique opportunity for the advancement of human rights and the principles of equal justice; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby encourage schools throughout this state to include the history of the Holocaust in their history course offerings.