

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4651, by Representatives Jenkins, Wilcox, Appleton, Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Boehnke, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Chopp, Cody, Corry, Davis, DeBolt, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Duerr, Dufault, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Gildon, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hansen, Harris, Hoff, Hudgins, Irwin, Jenkin, J. Johnson, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kloba, Kraft, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, Maycumber, McCaslin, Mead, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Riccelli, Robinson, Rude, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Sells, Senn, Shewmake, Slatter, Smith, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Sullivan, Sutherland, Tarleton, Thai, Tharinger, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wylie, Ybarra, and Young

1 WHEREAS, On this day, 75 years ago, the Auschwitz-Birkenau death
2 camp was liberated by Allied forces; and

3 WHEREAS, The people of Washington were heavily involved in the
4 effort to win World War II and stop the Holocaust; and

5 WHEREAS, Remembering the experiences of Holocaust survivors and
6 the soldiers who freed them is critically important today; and

7 WHEREAS, It is not simply enough to say, "Never Again," but to
8 understand what led up to death camps such as Auschwitz-Birkenau; and

9 WHEREAS, The Holocaust did not begin with concentration camps and
10 genocide, but with bigotry, discrimination, and hate; and

11 WHEREAS, Dehumanization and division still exist today and will
12 only fester unless we stand up against anti-Semitism and other forms
13 of discrimination and hate;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
15 of Representatives recognizes the historical significance of this day
16 and lends its voice and support to the global commemoration.

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