

House Resolution 48

By: Representative Yates of the 73rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing January 27, 2015, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day at the capitol,
- 2 and inviting the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust to be recognized by the House of
- 3 Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation
- 5 of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945, during
- 6 which time six million Jews were murdered; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for
- 8 destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and
- 9 WHEREAS, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political
- 10 dissidents also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral
- 12 responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Georgia should always remember the terrible events
- 14 of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Georgia should actively rededicate themselves to the
- 16 principles of individual freedom in a just society; and
- 17 WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day has been set aside for the people
- 18 of the State of Georgia to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the
- 19 need for respect of all peoples; and

20 WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27, which is the
21 anniversary of the liberation of the largest Nazi killing center, Auschwitz-Birkenau, as
22 International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize January 27, 2015, as International Holocaust
25 Remembrance Day at the capitol and invite the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust to be
26 recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the
27 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Georgia Commission on the Holocaust.