

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.