

Rep. Callton offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 83.

A resolution to declare April 8, 2013, as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The horror of the Holocaust should never be forgotten; and

Whereas, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators during the years 1933 through 1945. Six million Jews were murdered and millions more, including Gypsies, the handicapped, Poles, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

Whereas, The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments, and serves as an important reminder of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign; and

Whereas, When the goodness of mankind was in question, there were individuals who selflessly risked their lives in order to save others from the evils of Nazi Germany; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 8, 2013, as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That in honor of the victims of the Holocaust, the survivors, and their liberators, the citizens of Michigan should reflect upon the terrible events of the Holocaust and strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.