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Expressing the sense of the House that more should be done to instill
Holocaust education in school curricula around the country.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and
Ms. BONAMICI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House that more should be
done to instill Holocaust education in school curricula
around the country.

Whereas more than 70 years after the conclusion of World
War II, it is even more important now to remember the
events of the Holocaust and the genocidal pursuits of the
Nazi regime;

Whereas troubling numbers of people are ignorant of the
events of the Holocaust and there are even those who
deny that the Holocaust occurred;

Whereas lies continue to be spread with the goal of perpet-
uating racist, xenophobic, and anti-Semitic principles;

Whereas these insensitive beliefs are all too common, and only serve to dishonor those that were persecuted, tortured, and killed at the hands of the Nazis;

Whereas with each passing year we lose some of our greatest ambassadors and storytellers as Holocaust survivors age and pass away;

Whereas in the words of Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, not all victims were Jews, but all Jews were victims;

Whereas many Members of Congress are proud to represent large populations of survivors in each of their districts;

Whereas too many students are graduating with little exposure to Holocaust education and its universal relevance;

Whereas education about this tragedy is our best defense against intolerance and bigotry, and against history repeating itself;

Whereas we are proud that 11 States require by law that schools teach students about the Holocaust and the lessons that can be learned from that tragic chapter of history; and

Whereas Congress has consistently acted to preserve the memory of the Holocaust, including establishing a national Holocaust Remembrance Day in 1978: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the House of Representatives—

3 (A) commends Holocaust education activ-
 4 ists on their longstanding efforts to include
 5 Holocaust education in States' public school
 6 curricula across the country; and

1 (B) encourages more States and school dis-
2 tricts to include Holocaust education in their
3 curricula and support continued efforts to move
4 this initiative forward; and

5 (2) it is the sense of the House of Representa-
6 tives that more should be done to instill in the Na-
7 tion's schools the promise that we will never forget
8 the horrors of the Holocaust and must always work
9 to prevent such atrocities from occurring in the fu-
10 ture.

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