**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR IRVING ROTH, A SURVIVOR OF THE AUSCHWITZ AND BUCHENWALD CONCENTRATION CAMPS, FOR HIS DEDICATION AND DETERMINATION IN EDUCATING PEOPLE ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST AND TO WELCOME HIM TO THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to welcome Irving Roth to South Carolina as he speaks to students to educate them about the horrors of the Holocaust and the evils of prejudice and anti‑Semitism; and

Whereas, born in Kosice, Czechoslovakia, on September 2, 1929, Irving Roth entered the United States on February 11, 1947, at New York Harbor after enduring the terrors of two Nazi death camps; and

Whereas, Mr. Roth earned bachelor and master of science degrees in electrical engineering from the famed Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and practiced engineering as a profession; and

Whereas, because his memories of Nazi death camps never faded, he has devoted himself to educating young and old on the terrors of the Holocaust and the anti‑Semitism prejudice that spawned it; and

Whereas, today Mr. Roth is the director of the Holocaust Resource Center, Temple Judea of Manhasset, and is an adjunct professor at the University of Maine; and

Whereas, a recognized speaker on anti‑Semitism and the Holocaust, he frequently lectures on college and university campuses in the United States, Canada, and Europe, providing personal testimony of his experiences during World War II as a Holocaust survivor; and

Whereas, Mr. Roth conceived, developed, and initiated the Adopt a Survivor program, instituted nationally and internationally in public and parochial high schools and colleges. To promote wide impact of this concept, he edited and coordinated the publishing of a book entitled *Adopt a Survivor ‑ An Antidote to Holocaust Amnesia*; and

Whereas, together with his son, Rabbi Dr. Edward S. Roth, he co‑authored and published *Bondi*’*s Brother*, a book about his experiences before, during, and after the Holocaust, which has been translated into Hungarian and Hebrew. He also produced and published *Holocaust Study Guide* for social studies and language arts teachers, which encompasses a complete curriculum on the Holocaust and is taught in conjunction with *Bondi*’*s Brother* in elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as colleges; and

Whereas, Mr. Roth has presented papers at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, the Scholars Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches, the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE), and Facing History and Ourselves; and

Whereas, now residing in Nassau County, New York, Mr. Roth, has received numerous awards for outstanding work in Holocaust education and community service, notably the Spirit of Anne Frank Outstanding Citizen Award from the Anne Frank Center USA for his work promoting human rights and social justice and for his Adopt a Survivor program; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly appreciates the significant work of Irving Roth in education to prevent young and old from forgetting the Holocaust and its atrocities, and the members are grateful for his visit to our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor Irving Roth, a survivor of Auchwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps, for his dedication and determination in educating people about the Holocaust and welcome him to the great State of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Irving Roth.

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