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Joint Resolution

Designating November 4 through 10, 1988, as the "Week of Remembrance of Kristallnacht".

Nov. 7, 1988
[H.J. Res. 654]

Whereas November 9-10, 1988, marks the fiftieth anniversary of Kristallnacht, The Night of Broken Glass;
Whereas Kristallnacht was sanctioned by the Nazi state to terrorize the Jewish citizens of Germany and Austria;
Whereas during Kristallnacht, hundreds of synagogues in Germany and Austria were burned and destroyed, businesses and homes were ransacked, scores of innocent people were killed because they were Jews, and thousands of such people were arrested and sent to concentration camps;
Whereas the lack of any response from civilized nations led the governments of Germany and Austria to believe that further atrocities would go unpunished;
Whereas this belief brought about mass murders and carnage on a scale never before seen in human history;
Whereas Kristallnacht was a watershed event in Nazi rule and served as a prelude to the Second World War and the death of millions of innocent people;
Whereas the reign of the Nazi government marks one of the darkest periods in civilized history; and
Whereas Kristallnacht should remind us all that evil must be confronted forcefully and the civilized world cannot watch idly while barbarism and mass murder are committed against innocent peoples: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 4 through 10, 1988, is designated as the "Week of Remembrance of Kristallnacht", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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