

CHAPTER 162**(HJR 6)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Holocaust and genocide education.

WHEREAS, in the words of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, "the Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators"; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide of January 11, 1948, described genocide to be "acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group"; and

WHEREAS, the education of young people must include the opportunity for students to remember and honor the people whose lives were taken by the Nazis; to listen to the stories of those who survived the Holocaust through courage, tenacity, and active resistance; and to examine and understand the events which led to this horrific crime against humanity;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. It is the intent of the General Assembly that students in the public schools be given the opportunity to learn about the Holocaust and genocide that was inflicted on millions of Jews in Germany under the Nazi regime. By September 1, 2008, the Kentucky Department of Education shall review the Holocaust and genocide curricula developed by other states and review the Kentucky Program of Studies at the elementary, middle, and high school levels to determine places where the study of the Holocaust and genocide may be included.

➔Section 2. The department shall develop a curriculum guide that outlines age-appropriate and course-related material and activities that teachers may use to teach the history of the Holocaust as an example of genocide.

➔Section 3. The department shall submit a final report and curriculum guide to the Kentucky Board of Education for consideration no later than March 1, 2009. The curriculum guide, which shall be limited to the study of the Holocaust and genocide, shall be disseminated to local schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

➔Section 4. This resolution will henceforth be referred to as the Ernie Marx Resolution in memory of his life, inspiration, and advocacy.

Signed by Governor April 24, 2008.