
By: Senators Trotter, Lawlah, Dorman, Madden, Teitelbaum, Hollinger, Hoffman, Currie, Ruben, and Young

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RESOLUTION NO.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION _____

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Victims of the Holocaust - Assets in Swiss Banks**

3 FOR the purpose of supporting and encouraging the ongoing efforts of certain
4 governmental entities and private organizations who are investigating the complex
5 issues surrounding Holocaust assets held by Swiss banks.

6 WHEREAS, Evidence has come to light that assets of Holocaust victims were
7 deposited for safekeeping in Switzerland's largest private banks or were taken by the Nazi
8 regime from Holocaust victims' families and businesses and deposited with Switzerland
9 banks; and

10 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the importance of the ongoing
11 efforts to redress the terrible suffering of Holocaust victims; and

12 WHEREAS, The thorough review of all aspects of the complex issue of Holocaust
13 assets is an important step towards justly compensating Holocaust victims and their
14 survivors; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
16 Maryland General Assembly supports and encourages the ongoing efforts of the United
17 States Senate, the United States Department of State, and the various private
18 organizations who are actively working to ensure that assets wrongly held by Swiss banks
19 be returned to Holocaust victims who are the rightful owners of the assets; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
22 Legislative Reference to the Honorable ~~Madeline~~ Madeline K. Albright, Secretary of
23 State; the Honorable M. D'Amato, Chairman of the United States Senate
24 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee; the Honorable Parris N. Glendening,

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- 1 Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the
- 2 Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of
- 3 Delegates.