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H. CON. RES. 185

Expressing deep regret for the refusal of the United States to provide political asylum to the Jewish refugees aboard the S.S. ST. LOUIS in May and June of 1939.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AKIN (for himself, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. KUCINICH, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. NADLER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing deep regret for the refusal of the United States to provide political asylum to the Jewish refugees aboard the S.S. ST. LOUIS in May and June of 1939.

Whereas on May 13, 1939, the ocean liner S.S. ST. LOUIS departed from Hamburg, Germany, with 937 passengers, including more than 900 Jewish refugees fleeing from Nazi persecution;

Whereas after the Cuban Government refused to provide political asylum to the refugees on May 27, 1939, the S.S. ST. LOUIS proceeded to the coast of South Florida in hopes that the United States would accept the refugees;

Whereas the United States refused to allow the S.S. ST. LOUIS to dock and thereby provide a haven for the Jewish refugees;

Whereas the United States ordered a United States Coast Guard cutter to patrol near the S.S. ST. LOUIS to prevent any passenger from jumping to freedom;

Whereas the S.S. ST. LOUIS was forced to return to Antwerp, Belgium, with the refugees; and

Whereas many of the passengers of the S.S. ST. LOUIS died in Nazi death camps: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress expresses its deep regret
3 for the refusal of the United States to provide political
4 asylum to the Jewish refugees aboard the S.S. ST. LOUIS
5 in May and June of 1939.

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