

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 114

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 11, 1997

By Senators LITTELL, SINGER, Sinagra and Bennett

- 1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging Congress to adopt House Concurrent
2 Resolution 14 of 1997, which encourages efforts to reunite family members
3 separated during the Holocaust.
4
- 5 **WHEREAS**, Thousands of Holocaust survivors who fled Poland and Eastern
6 Europe to the United States, Israel, Russia and other Eastern European
7 nations may be living around the world, not knowing that family members
8 from whom they were separated during the Holocaust are also still alive;
9 and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, In July 1996, Russian resident Solomon Bromberg and his sister,
11 Israeli resident Rivka Bromberg Feingold, were reunited after a separation
12 of more than 60 years, both having believed that their entire family had
13 been murdered during the Holocaust; and
- 14 **WHEREAS**, The Bromberg siblings were reunited after a business
15 acquaintance, returning from a trip to Russia, contacted Israel's Jewish
16 Agency, an organization which attempts to reunite family members
17 separated during the Holocaust; and
- 18 **WHEREAS**, Many other Holocaust survivors are trying to locate living family
19 members from whom they were separated during the Holocaust, thereby
20 highlighting the significance of efforts long pursued by organizations such as
21 the Red Cross and Israel's Jewish Agency to reunite family members
22 separated during the Holocaust; and
- 23 **WHEREAS**, Coordinated efforts of the United States, foreign nations, especially
24 Israel, Russia, Poland and other Eastern European nations, and
25 organizations such as the Red Cross and Israel's Jewish Agency will help
26 to reunite family members separated during the Holocaust; and
- 27 **WHEREAS**, A concurrent resolution sponsored by Congressman Robert
28 Franks introduced in the United States Congress encouraging the Secretary
29 of State, foreign nations and others to work together to support the effort
30 to reunite family members separated during the Holocaust has yet to be
31 reported from the Committee on International Relations to the entire House
32 of Representatives; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

2

3 1. This House recognizes the enormous significance of helping families
4 locate family members who may have survived the Holocaust, pays tribute to
5 the inspirational efforts of those helping reunite family members separated
6 during the Holocaust and endorses every attempt to coordinate these
7 meaningful efforts.

8

9 2. This House urges the United States Congress to adopt House
10 Concurrent Resolution 14 of 1997, which encourages the Secretary of State,
11 foreign nations, especially Israel, Russia, Poland and other Eastern European
12 nations, and organizations such as the Red Cross and Israel's Jewish Agency
13 to coordinate efforts to help reunite family members separated during the
14 Holocaust.

15

16 3. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of
17 the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the
18 President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the
19 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives and every member of the Committee on International
21 Relations of the House of Representatives.

22

23

24

STATEMENT

25

26 There have recently been successful, pathbreaking efforts to assist families
27 locate missing or lost family members scattered around the world as a result
28 of World War II and the Holocaust. This resolution urges Congress to adopt
29 House Concurrent Resolution 14, which encourages the Secretary of State,
30 foreign nations, especially Israel, Russia, Poland and other Eastern European
31 nations, and organizations such as the Red Cross and Israel's Jewish Agency
32 to coordinate efforts to help reunite family members separated during the
33 Holocaust. This resolution also affirms the support of the Senate of the State
34 of New Jersey towards such meaningful and inspirational efforts.

35

36

37

38

39 Urges Congress to adopt House Concurrent Resolution 14 of 1997, which
40 encourages efforts to reunite family members separated during the Holocaust.