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**Senator José Menéndez Passes Bill Establishing Holocaust Remembrance Week in Public Schools Across Texas**

**San Antonio, Texas** – Yesterday marked a significant milestone as Governor Greg Abbott signed SB 1828 into law establishing Holocaust Remembrance Week throughout public schools throughout Texas.

Senator José Menéndez authored this bill which was brought to him by four San Antonio women who were concerned by data showing many students were unaware of the Holocaust, and the rise in anti-Semitic events in the United States. SB 1828 passed unanimously in the House and Senate Chambers, allowing Texas to join 11 other states that require some form of Holocaust education in public schools.

This bill will dedicate a full memorial week known as **Holocaust Remembrance Week** in Texas public schools each year. This designation ensures that future generations of Texans learn from the lessons taught by millions who have come before them. It also helps establish that students are educated on the historical facts of the Holocaust by requiring the *Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission* to create and approve the educational material used for this designated week.

SB 1828 not only educates students on the atrocities of the Holocaust, but also encourages a sense of responsibility allowing them to recognize and uphold the value of tolerance and diversity, helping to prevent future atrocities.

***Senator José Menéndez released the following statement:***

"Appreciative of everyone who helped with Senate Bill 1828 creating Holocaust Remembrance Week in public schools. We need to be sure that this horrible part of history is not forgotten or questioned by future generations, and that they are learning from the lessons taught by the generations who have come before them."

"Thank you to my colleagues in both the House and Senate who voted unanimously in favor of this bill. I would especially like to thank Governor Greg Abbott for his support and efforts to ensure that we teach our youth compassion and encourage them to uphold human value," added Menéndez.

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