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Holocaust Education Act Heads to Governor's Desk

MADISON, WI – Today the Wisconsin State Assembly unanimously passed Senate Bill 69, the Holocaust Education Act. Representative Jon Plumer (R – Lodi) authored this legislation with Rep. Lisa Subeck (D – Madison) and Senator Alberta Darling (R - River Hills). Senate Bill 69 adds Holocaust and other genocide education into the model curriculum for social studies in Wisconsin. With the assembly vote today, the legislation now goes to Governor Evers' desk for his signature. Rep. Plumer released this statement following the bill's passage:

"I would like to thank all of my colleagues for their support of this legislation. We could not have gotten this bill passed without their support and the tireless work of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center.

"This bill is an important step in the fight against anti-Semitism and intolerance in our communities. It is unfathomable that many of today's youth do not understand or are simply unaware of the atrocities of the Holocaust and other genocides that have occurred. By ensuring that Wisconsin students learn about these topics twice during their academic career, we are helping to combat that ignorance. The passage of this legislation is even more imperative as the number of Holocaust survivors dwindles further every year. I look forward to the governor singing this bill into law in the near future."

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