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Rep. Plumer's Legislation Funding Holocaust Education Signed into Law

MADISON, WI – Today, Senate Bill 833, legislation co-authored by Rep. Plumer and Senator Dan Knodl, providing funding for Holocaust education in Wisconsin schools was signed into law.

"Holocaust education is more important than ever to ensure current and future generations understand the devastating consequences of anti-Semitism and intolerance." said Rep. Plumer.

This bill provides a \$200,000 annual grant each year of the biennium to the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center (HERC) so they can continue providing educational programs as required in public, charter, and choice schools under Wisconsin 2021 Act 30, a bill also authored by Rep. Plumer.

HERC is working to increase the support services, which include bringing on additional education staff handling school requests, support for the Holocaust Education Map toolkit, and developing curriculum. Last year, HERC's programs impacted nearly 100,000 students in more than 300 district around the state. This included field trips, in-class programs, speakers, lesson plans, and workshops for educators.

"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."

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