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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 30, 2019

The Honorable Rex Hardin
Mayor Hardin
City of Pompano Beach
100 West Atlantic Boulevard
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Dear Mayor Hardin:

I write to you today to ask that you join me in recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month in Pompano Beach.

Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM) began in 2005 when Senator Arlen Specter and I filed joint resolutions, urging then President Bush to proclaim a month specifically recognizing the more than 360-year history of Jewish life in America and their contributions to our American fabric. JAHM acknowledges the achievements of American Jews in fields ranging from sports and arts and entertainment to medicine, business, science, government, military service, music, and more.

This year's theme for JAHM is celebrating the achievements of American Jewish Illustrators. From Jerry Siegel and Joseph Shuster who created Superman, to Marvel's Jack Kirby and Stan Lee, who created such iconic figures as Spiderman, Iron Man, Thor, the Incredible Hulk and the X-Men, Jewish illustrators have been pioneers in American culture. Through the prism of their Jewish identity, and often by approaching their work through the lens of social justice, they have been able to make poignant observations about the world around them, offering powerful commentary on issues of the day through their unique and universal medium.

JAHM is more important than ever this year with the constant rise in anti-Semitism in America. Therefore, to help spread awareness of JAHM, we ask that you bring forward a resolution at your next commission meeting, proclaiming May 2019 as Jewish American Heritage Month.

Attached, you will find a draft proclamation, and I encourage each of you to contact my office for additional JAHM resources.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress

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