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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 265 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MURT, BARRAR, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, DONATUCCI,  
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APRIL 20, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 20, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 24, 2015, as "Pennsylvania's Day of  
2 Remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide  
3 of 1915-1923."

4 WHEREAS, Between 1915 and 1923, the Turkish Ottoman Empire  
5 perpetrated genocide on 1.5 million men, women and children of  
6 Armenian descent; and

7 WHEREAS, The massacre of the Armenian people attempted to  
8 eliminate all traces of the 3,000-year-old Armenian culture and  
9 constituted a crime against humanity; and

10 WHEREAS, In order to encourage his followers, Adolph Hitler  
11 asked, "Who remembers the Armenians?" prior to his initiation of  
12 the Holocaust of European Jews; and

13 WHEREAS, By remembering and openly condemning the atrocities  
14 committed against the Armenians, the Commonwealth affirms the  
15 need for constant vigilance to prevent similar atrocities in the  
16 future; and

1       WHEREAS, Recognition and public awareness of the 100th  
2 anniversary of the Armenian genocide is necessary to ensure that  
3 similar acts do not occur in the future; and

4       WHEREAS, Armenia became a free and democratic republic after  
5 nearly 70 years of oppressive Soviet rule; and

6       WHEREAS, Armenian Americans residing in Pennsylvania have  
7 greatly enriched this Commonwealth as leaders in business,  
8 agriculture, academia, government and the arts; therefore be it

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
10 24, 2015, as "Pennsylvania's Day of Remembrance of the 100th  
11 anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923"; and be it  
12 further

13       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
14 the Armenian National Committee of America.