

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 248

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY PERZEL AND GANNON, MARCH 11, 1986

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 12, 1986

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming April 24, 1986, as National Day of Remembrance for
2 Victims of Genocide.

3 WHEREAS, In 1915, the Armenian Genocide was conceived and
4 carried out against the Armenian people for eight years by the
5 Turkish government, resulting in the extermination of one and
6 one-half million Armenian men, women and children and the
7 deportation of five hundred thousand survivors; and

8 WHEREAS, The organized governmental practice of the first
9 genocide of the 20th Century on the Armenian race was frequently
10 used by Nazi leaders in planning and supporting their genocide
11 campaigns during World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
13 unanimously included the Armenian Genocide in the Holocaust
14 Museum Memorial; and

15 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth should continually
16 rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all
17 people; and

1 WHEREAS, Failure of all of us to recognize and appreciate the
2 potential for man's inhumanity to man will only condemn us to
3 continue repeating the atrocities, horrors and tragedies of the
4 past; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania declare that, in memory of the
7 Victims of Genocide, and in the hope that the citizens of this
8 Commonwealth will strive to overcome prejudice and inhumanity,
9 April 24, 1986, will be declared as National Day of Remembrance
10 for Victims of Genocide; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
12 Mr. James Hagopian, Chairman of the Philadelphia Chapter,
13 Armenian National Committee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.