
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 593 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY LEACH, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, CORRIGAN, CRUZ, CURRY, DALEY, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, FABRIZIO, FICHTER, FORCIER, FRANKEL, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GERGELY, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HARPER, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, KELLER, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, LESCOVITZ, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, McGEEHAN, S. MILLER, MUSTIO, PALLONE, PISTELLA, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, TRUE, SCAVELLO, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI AND WHEATLEY, MARCH 15, 2004

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 15, 2004

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 24, 2004, as "Pennsylvania's Day of
2 Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923."

3 WHEREAS, One and one-half million men, women and children of
4 Armenian descent were victims of the brutal genocide perpetrated
5 by the Turkish Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923; and

6 WHEREAS, The Armenian genocide and massacres of the Armenian
7 people have been recognized as an attempt to eliminate all
8 traces of a thriving and noble civilization more than 3,000
9 years old; and

10 WHEREAS, Revisionists still inexplicably deny the existence
11 of these horrific events; and

12 WHEREAS, Modern Turkey continues to deny and distort the
13 facts of the Armenian genocide and honors the perpetrators of

1 that crime against humanity as national heroes; and

2 WHEREAS, Before the implementation of the Holocaust of
3 European Jews, in order to encourage his followers, Adolf Hitler
4 asked, "Who remembers the Armenians?"; and

5 WHEREAS, By consistently remembering and openly condemning
6 the atrocities committed against the Armenians, Pennsylvanians
7 affirm the need for constant vigilance to prevent similar
8 atrocities in the future; and

9 WHEREAS, The Armenian people have not received reparations
10 for their losses; and

11 WHEREAS, Recognition of the 89th anniversary of the Armenian
12 genocide and education about past horrors is crucial to ensuring
13 against future genocide; and

14 WHEREAS, Armenia is now a free and independent republic,
15 having embraced democracy following nearly 70 years of
16 oppressive Soviet domination; and

17 WHEREAS, Armenian Americans living in Pennsylvania have
18 greatly enriched this Commonwealth through their leadership in
19 business, agriculture, academia, government and the arts;
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
22 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate April 24, 2004, as
23 "Pennsylvania's Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of
24 1915-1923"; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
26 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the
27 Pennsylvania congressional delegation and to the Armenian
28 National Committee of Pennsylvania.