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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

**No. 172**      Session of  
2005

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INTRODUCED BY LEACH, BALDWIN, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, CURRY, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GOOD, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, JAMES, JOSEPHS, W. KELLER, LEDERER, LEH, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, McGEEHAN, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, PISTELLA, QUIGLEY, READSHAW, ROBERTS, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SCHRODER, SHANER, SHAPIRO, B. SMITH, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRUE, WALKO, WANSACZ, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND FABRIZIO, MARCH 29, 2005

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 29, 2005

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 24, 2005, 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, 2005, 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.