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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 691 Session of  
2006

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INTRODUCED BY LEACH, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABIG, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HARHART, CRAHALLA, HARPER, HERSHEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KENNEY, KOTIK, LEDERER, LEH, MAHER, MANN, MARKOSEK, MUNDY, PALLONE, PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SHAPIRO, SIPTROTH, B. SMITH, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRUE, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, CALTAGIRONE AND BALDWIN, APRIL 5, 2006

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 5, 2006

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 24, 2006, 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  
14 that crime against humanity as national heroes; and

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

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

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

10       WHEREAS, Recognition of the 90th anniversary of the Armenian  
11 genocide and education about past horrors is crucial to ensuring  
12 against future genocide; and

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

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

20       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate April 24, 2006, as  
22 "Pennsylvania's Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of  
23 1915-1923"; and be it further

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