

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 24, 2016, as "Pennsylvania's Day of  
2 Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923."

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Recognition and public awareness of the Armenian  
17 genocide is necessary to ensure that similar acts do not occur

1 in the future; and

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

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

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate April 24, 2016, as  
10 "Pennsylvania's Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of  
11 1915-1923"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
13 the Armenian National Committee of America, 1711 N Street NW,  
14 Washington, DC 20036.