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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 24, 2007, 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 affirms the  
14 need for constant vigilance to prevent similar atrocities in the  
15 future; and

16 WHEREAS, Recognition and public awareness of the 92nd  
17 anniversary of the Armenian genocide is necessary to ensure that

1 similar acts do not occur 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 Pennsylvania have  
5 greatly enriched this Commonwealth as leaders in business,  
6 agriculture, academia, government and the arts; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate April 24, 2007, as  
8 "Pennsylvania's Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of  
9 1915-1923"; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
11 the Armenian National Committee of Pennsylvania.