

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution proclaiming April 24 as a day of remembrance of the Armenian  
2 genocide.

3 **WHEREAS**, 1,500,000 men, women, and children of Armenian descent were victims of  
4 the genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire in 1915 and thereafter; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry  
6 Morgenthau, Sr., stated, "Whatever crimes the most perverted instincts of the human mind can  
7 devise, and whatever refinement of persecutions and injustice the most debased imagination  
8 can conceive, became the daily misfortunes of these 'devoted people.'"; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the killing of the Armenian people was accomplished by the systematic  
10 destruction of churches, schools, libraries, treasures of art, and cultural monuments in an  
11 attempt to eliminate all traces of a noble civilization with a history of more than 3,000 years; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Armenian genocide has been acknowledged by several countries and  
13 international bodies; and

14 **WHEREAS**, each year Armenians throughout the world honor those who perished from  
15 1915 to 1923, and all the world's people should commemorate the Armenian genocide because  
16 it stands as an ugly testament to man's inhumanity to man; and

17 **WHEREAS**, it is essential to raise awareness about the Armenian genocide not only  
18 because it is an undeniable chapter of world history, but also because learning more about this  
19 unconscionable tragedy will help better understand the necessity of eliminating hatred from our  
20 own communities;

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
22 **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

23 That April 24 is proclaimed as a day of remembrance of the Armenian genocide; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
25 resolution to the chairman of the Armenian Community of North Dakota, the Armenian

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- 1 Assembly of America, the Armenian National Committee, each member of the North Dakota
- 2 Congressional delegation, and the President of the United States.