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## **HR2002: Semele massacre; Assyrian martyrs day**

**Sponsor: Representative Blackman, LD 6**

**Transmitted to the Secretary of State**

### **Overview**

Establishes August 7, 2021, as Assyrian Martyrs Day and states that Members of the House of Representatives recognize the Semele Assyrian Massacre of 1933 (Massacre) as a crime against humanity.

### **History**

On August 7, 1933, thousands of defenseless Assyrians were murdered in Northern Iraq, by the Iraqi army, led by Bakir Sidqi. The army arrived in Northern Iraq and killed men, women and children even after they promised safety if the men surrendered their weapons.

Around the world, August 7th is known as [Assyrian Martyrs Day](#). Assyrians celebrate this holiday honoring those who died in the Massacre.

### **Provisions**

1. States that Members of the House of Representatives:
  - a) Recognize the Massacre as a crime against humanity; and
  - b) Honor the memory of thousands of unarmed men, women and children who were murdered during the Massacre.
2. Proclaims August 7, 2021, as Assyrian Martyrs Day in Arizona.

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