

House Resolution 483

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Frazier of the 126th, Williams of the 87th, and Jackson of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the world-wide victims of genocide and recognizing April 1, 2017, as Georgia's
2 Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, one and a half million men, women, and children of Armenian descent were the
4 victims of the brutal genocide perpetrated by the Young Turk government of the Ottoman
5 Empire from 1915 to 1923; and

6 WHEREAS, the Armenian genocide and massacres of Armenian people have been
7 recognized as an attempt to eliminate all traces of a thriving and noble civilization over 3,000
8 years old; and

9 WHEREAS, the denial of the Armenian genocide by the present-day Turkish government
10 continues to antagonize the Armenian people concerning their own rightful place in history;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, by raising awareness of and openly condemning the atrocities committed
13 against the Armenians, Georgians are reminded of the need for constant vigilance in order
14 to prevent similar atrocities in the future; and

15 WHEREAS, recognition of the anniversary of this genocide is crucial to guarding against the
16 repetition of future genocides and educating people about the atrocities connected to these
17 horrific events; and

18 WHEREAS, as home to over 500 Armenian families, Armenian Americans living in Georgia
19 have greatly enriched our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia,
20 government, and the arts.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize April 1, 2017, as Georgia's Day of Remembrance of the

23 Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 in remembrance of the one and a half million people of
24 Armenian ancestry who lost their lives during that terrible time.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
27 Armenian Independent Cultural Association of Atlanta, Inc.