
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 778 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY MURT, ACOSTA, BAKER, BARRAR, BRADFORD,
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MILLARD, NEILSON, RAPP, READSHAW, ROSS, ROTHMAN, SONNEY,
THOMAS, TOOHIL, VEREB, VITALI, WATSON, WHEELAND AND
YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 6, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 6, 2016

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

1 WHEREAS, Recognition and public awareness of the Armenian
2 genocide is necessary to ensure that similar acts do not occur
3 in the future; and

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

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

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate April 24, 2016, as
12 "Pennsylvania's Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of
13 1915-1923"; and be it further

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