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**SYNOPSIS:**

A RESOLUTION

Proclaiming April 24, 1996, as a commemorative day for the victims of the  
**Armenian** genocide.

**TEXT:** WHEREAS, The **Armenians** are an ancient people, having settled in the vicinity of Mount Ararat in the seventh century B.C., and have long been fervent believers in Christianity. That religion became the state religion of **Armenia** in the fourth century A.D., making **Armenia** one of the first nations to accept Christianity; and

WHEREAS, Through the actions of St. Gregory the Illuminator, the **Armenian** Apostolic Church was established in the fourth century A.D. and continues to exist to

this present day, along with various other Christian communions to be found among **Armenians** in the United States, in **Armenia**, and elsewhere throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, **Armenians** have always believed in the principles of freedom of conscience and worship and hold these principles sacred to this very day; and

WHEREAS, During World War I, some 1,500,000 **Armenians** were massacred as a result of actions of the Ottoman Empire. Many others were forced to flee from **Armenia**; and

WHEREAS, These tragic events constitute the first instance of genocide in the 20th century, serving as a precedent to the Holocaust occurring prior to and during World War II and as a reminder of man's inhumanity to man; and

WHEREAS, **Armenian**-Americans have contributed greatly to the progress of America by their activities in the arts, business, the learned professions, academia, philanthropy, and also in government, wherein **Armenian**-Americans occupy the highest executive offices; and

WHEREAS, April 24 has been observed for over 70 years as **Armenian** Martyrs' Day, to honor the memory of those who died for their beliefs and principles; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives proclaim April 24, 1996, as a commemorative day to honor the victims of the **Armenian** genocide.

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