

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, on April 24, 1915, three hundred Armenian leaders, writers, thinkers and
2 professionals and five thousand of the poorest Armenians in Constantinople were rounded up and killed
3 in the streets and in their homes by the Young Turk government of the Ottoman Empire; and
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5 **Whereas**, from 1915 to 1923 nearly one and a half million Armenian men, women, and
6 children out of a total of two and a half million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire were systematically
7 sent to concentration camps, tortured and murdered by the Turks; and
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9 **Whereas**, the United States was the first country to recognize the Armenian Genocide and
10 raise millions of dollars to aid the victims of the Genocide; and
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12 **Whereas**, most Armenians in the United States are children or grandchildren of the
13 survivors of the Armenian Genocide; and
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15 **Whereas**, by remembering and forcefully condemning the atrocities committed against
16 the Armenians and honoring the survivors, as well as other victims of similar heinous conduct, we guard
17 against repetition of such acts of genocide; and
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19 **Whereas**, April 24 is the date on which Armenians around the world commemorate the
20 Genocide in recognition of the day in 1915 when over five thousand Armenians were killed in
21 Constantinople by the Turkish Ottoman Empire:
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23 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
24 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring
25 therein, hereby declare April 24th to be a "Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide"; and
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27 **Be it further resolved** that all Missourians be encouraged to observe the day in a
28 manner that honors the survivors and brings to mind the meaning and historical significance of the
29 Armenian Genocide