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General Assembly

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RESOLUTION IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915-1923.

Resolved by this Assembly:

WHEREAS, 1,500,000 people of Armenian ancestry were victims of genocide perpetrated by the governments of the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923; and

WHEREAS, at the outbreak of World War I, the Young Turk regime decided to deport the entire Armenian population of about 1,750,000 to Syria and Mesopotamia; and

WHEREAS, Talaat Pasha, leader of the Young Turk movement, was principal author of the plan to exterminate the Armenians; and

WHEREAS, the plan of genocide consisted of deporting all Armenians of whatever age or condition of health to the totally barren Der-El-Zor region of what is now Syria; and

WHEREAS, the Armenians were deported to Der-El-Zor on foot, a death march in which more than 1,000,000 died of starvation or were killed; and

WHEREAS, Armenians were rounded up and brutally driven from their homes and their land, separated from families, robbed of everything they owned and stripped of all they carried with them; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Christian Armenians were tortured and murdered for refusing to accept Islam as their religion; and

WHEREAS, the governments of the Ottoman Empire as part of their plan of genocide caused countless atrocities to be inflicted on the Armenians held in concentration camps and on the death marches to Der-El-Zor in the Syrian desert; and

WHEREAS, the massacre of Armenians who escaped deportation and remained in Turkey was characterized as the "most colossal crime of all ages" by the examining American military mission's report to the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, in a telegram sent by U.S. Ambassador Henry Morgenthau to the secretary of state, Morgenthau warned that "a campaign of race extermination is in progress under a pretext of reprisal against rebellion".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of this general assembly unite in recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Armenian genocide of 1915-1923, and call upon the people of Connecticut to join with us in remembering the 1,500,000 people of Armenian ancestry who lost their lives in that infamous genocide.

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