

April 24, 1990

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety

A RESOLUTION

remembering the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923.

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

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

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

Whereas, the atrocities inflicted on Armenians held in concentration camps and on the death marches to Der-EI-Zor in the Syrian desert resemble those of the Holocaust of World War II; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate of the state of New Hampshire strongly urges that April 24, 1990, be a day of remembrance of the 75th anniversary of the Armenian genocide of 1915-1923; and

That the Senate calls upon the people of New Hampshire to observe that day by remembering the 1,500,000 people of Armenian ancestry who lost their lives in the genocide of 1915-1923.

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