

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Rep. Manoogian offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 24, 2021, as a Day of
2 Remembrance in the state of Michigan for the Armenian Genocide of
3 1915-1923.

4 Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes that the Armenian
5 Genocide occurred from 1915 to 1923. Armenians, as well as Greeks,
6 Assyrian-Chaldeans, Syriacs, Arameans, Maronites, and other
7 Christians were subject to torture, starvation, mass murder, lethal
8 human medical experimentation, and exile from their historic
9 homeland. Over 1.5 million lost their lives. The Armenian Genocide
10 represented a deliberate attempt by the Ottoman Empire to eliminate
11 all traces of an ancient, thriving, and noble civilization that had
12 lived in these regions for millennia; and

1 Whereas, The majority of the Armenian population was displaced
2 from their homes and forced to escape to neighboring and faraway
3 communities and countries. Many refugees fled to the United States.
4 Today, Michigan is honored to be home to a vibrant Armenian-
5 American population of more than 17,000 Michiganders. This thriving
6 community is a proud reminder of survival and perseverance in the
7 face of extreme injustice; and

8 Whereas, Michigan Armenian churches and community
9 organizations have organized numerous charity and community drives
10 across the state, including, but not limited to, providing college
11 scholarships for deserving students and serving Armenian refugee
12 communities across the state; and

13 Whereas, Both houses of the 116th Congress of the United
14 States voted to commemorate and recognize the atrocities of the
15 Armenian Genocide, reject efforts to associate the United States
16 government with efforts to deny the existence of the Armenian
17 Genocide or any genocide, and encourage education and public
18 understanding about the Armenian Genocide; and

19 Whereas, By recognizing and consistently remembering the
20 Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, and all cases of past and ongoing
21 genocide, we help protect historic memory, ensure that similar
22 atrocities do not occur again, and remain vigilant against hatred,
23 persecution and tyranny. The Armenian community of Michigan has
24 used its deep understanding of historic pain and dispersal to
25 constantly and consistently stand alongside other persecuted
26 communities in Michigan and around the world; and

27 Whereas, Armenian communities around the world commemorate the
28 tragedy of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 2021. On this day, we
29 honor the victims and survivors of the Genocide and reaffirm our

1 commitment to preventing future atrocities from being committed
2 against any people; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
4 this legislative body declare April 24, 2021, as a Day of
5 Remembrance in the state of Michigan for the Armenian Genocide of
6 1915-1923.