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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
144th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24 AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.

1 WHEREAS, 1,500,000 men, women, and children of Armenian descent were victims of
2 the genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire in 1915 and thereafter; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry
4 Morgenthau, Sr., stated, "Whatever crimes the most perverted instincts of the human mind can
5 devise, and whatever refinement of persecutions and injustice the most debased imagination
6 can conceive, became the daily misfortunes of these 'devoted people.'"; and

7 WHEREAS, the killing of the Armenian people was accomplished by the systematic
8 destruction of churches, schools, libraries, treasures of art, and cultural monuments in an
9 attempt to eliminate all traces of a noble civilization with a history of more than 3,000 years; and

10 WHEREAS, the Armenian genocide has been acknowledged by other countries and
11 international bodies; and

12 WHEREAS, each year Armenians throughout the world honor those who perished from
13 1915 to 1923, and all the world's people should commemorate the Armenian genocide because
14 it stands as an ugly testament to man's inhumanity to man; and

15 WHEREAS, it is essential to raise awareness about this undeniable chapter of world history, as
16 this will further our understanding of the need to eliminate hatred from our own communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Armenian Americans living in Delaware have greatly enriched this State in
18 business, communications and the arts;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

20 That April 24 is proclaimed as a day of remembrance of the Armenian genocide; and
21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State shall forward copies of this resolution to
22 the President of the United States and the members of the Delaware Congressional delegation.