

## House Resolution 904

By: Representatives Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, and Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the world-wide victims of genocide and recognizing April 24, 2015, as Georgia's  
2 Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, one and a half million men, women, and children of Armenian descent were the  
4 victims of the brutal genocide perpetrated by the Young Turk government of the Ottoman  
5 Empire from 1915 to 1923; and

6 WHEREAS, the Armenian genocide and massacres of Armenian people have been  
7 recognized as an attempt to eliminate all traces of a thriving and noble civilization over 3,000  
8 years old; and

9 WHEREAS, the denial of the Armenian genocide by the present-day Turkish government  
10 continues to antagonize the Armenian people concerning their own rightful place in history;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, by raising awareness of and openly condemning the atrocities committed  
13 against the Armenians, Georgians are reminded of the need for constant vigilance in order  
14 to prevent similar atrocities in the future; and

15 WHEREAS, recognition of the anniversary of this genocide is crucial to guarding against the  
16 repetition of future genocides and educating people about the atrocities connected to these  
17 horrific events; and

18 WHEREAS, as home to over 500 Armenian families, Armenian Americans living in Georgia  
19 have greatly enriched our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia,  
20 government, and the arts.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize April 24, 2015, as Georgia's Day of Remembrance of

23 the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 in remembrance of the one and a half million people  
24 of Armenian ancestry who lost their lives during that terrible time.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 Armenian Independent Cultural Association of Atlanta, Inc.