

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 88

BY REPRESENTATIVE OURSO

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commemorates the centennial anniversary of the Armenian genocide

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Armenian genocide of 1915.

3 WHEREAS, a special committee was formed in Constantinople in March 1919 by
4 a group of Ottoman Armenians who survived the Armenian genocide with the goal of
5 organizing commemoration ceremonies dedicated to marking the anniversary of the
6 Armenian genocide; and

7 WHEREAS, the committee, known as "The April 11th Board of Ceremonial
8 Mourning", consisted of thirteen members including Yevphime Avetisian, Zaruhi
9 Galamkarian, Mari Stambulian, Perchuhi Parsamian, Miss Arpiar, Tigran Zaven, Merujan
10 Parsamyan, Hakob Siruni, Gevorg Mesrop, Tagvor Suqiasian, Dr. Barsegh Tinanian, Shahan
11 Perperian, and Hovhannes Poghosian; and

12 WHEREAS, because of the committee's efforts, the memory of the victims of
13 Armenian genocide was commemorated among the Armenians of Constantinople for the
14 first time in 1919; and

15 WHEREAS, Armenian writer and publicist Hakob Siruni wrote in his memoirs: "The
16 mourning ceremony became a tradition. Since then, the 24th of April was adopted as the Day
17 of Mourning"; and

18 WHEREAS, commemoration ceremonies were intended to be held from April 11
19 through 18, but due to the Armenian patriarch's illness at the time, the date was delayed by
20 one day; Bishop Mesrop Naroian held a liturgy for the victims of the Armenian genocide
21 April 15 through 25 in Saint Trinity Church of Bera District of Constantinople; and

1 WHEREAS, the Armenian patriarch of Constantinople, Zaven Eghiaian, gave the
2 sermon at the first observance and on this proclaimed Day of Mourning, all Armenian
3 national colleges and shops in Constantinople were closed.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the centennial anniversary of the
6 Armenian genocide and does hereby offer prayers for peace in the world.

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