

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six

RESOLUTIONS ON THE OCCASION OF A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN TO NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE.

WHEREAS, THE EXTERMINATION OF MORE THAN ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION ARMENIANS BY THE OTTOMAN TURKS AND THE FORCED DEPORTATION OF COUNTLESS OTHERS HAS BEEN REMEMBERED EVERY YEAR ON APRIL TWENTY-FOURTH SINCE NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN AS ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY; AND

WHEREAS, EIGHTY-ONE YEARS AGO ARMENIANS WERE FORCED TO WITNESS THE SLAUGHTER OF THEIR RELATIVES AND THE LOSS OF THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND; AND

WHEREAS, MODERN TURKEY CONTINUES TO DENY AND DISTORT THE FACTS OF THE GENOCIDE AND HONORS THE PERPETRATORS OF THESE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AS NATIONAL HEROES; AND

WHEREAS, THE CONTINUOUS DENIAL OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE BY THE PRESENT-DAY TURKISH GOVERNMENT DEPRIVES THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE OF THE RIGHT TO THEIR OWN HISTORY; AND


WHEREAS, ANCESTRAL ARMENIAN LANDS HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED TO THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE ACKNOWLEDGES THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO OUR COMMONWEALTH AND COUNTRY BY THE CITIZENS OF ARMENIAN ORIGIN ON THE OCCASION OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN TO NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE, AND IT CALLS UPON THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO REMEMBER THE ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE OF ARMENIAN ANCESTRY WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE GENOCIDE OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN TO NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS.

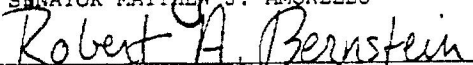
SENATE, ADOPTED, APRIL 11, 1996.


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


CLERK OF THE SENATE

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