

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize April 24, 2015, as Georgia's Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 in remembrance of the one and a half million people of Armenian ancestry who lost their lives during that terrible time.

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

IN HOUSE

Read and Adopted  
March 31, 2015

  
William I. Reilly

