

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 34

2 45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 DESIGNATING APRIL 24, 2001 AS ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE
12 DAY.

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14 WHEREAS, beginning in 1915, the Ottoman empire killed one
15 and one-half million Armenians and forcibly deported five
16 hundred thousand Armenians during an eight-year reign of
17 terror; and

18 WHEREAS, Armenians were deprived of their homes, their
19 dignity and ultimately their lives; and

20 WHEREAS, the United States has not made an official
21 statement regarding the Armenian genocide; and

22 WHEREAS, the Armenian genocide has been acknowledged by
23 countries and international bodies such as Argentina, Belgium,
24 Canada, the council of Europe, Cyprus, the European parliament,
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1 France, Great Britain, Greece, Lebanon, Russia, the United
2 Nations and Uruguay; and

3 WHEREAS, it is critically important for our nation to
4 acknowledge what happened and to teach present and future
5 generations of the history of genocide in order to prevent
6 future genocides;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that April 24, 2001 be designated "Armenian
9 Genocide Remembrance Day" in honor of the millions of innocent
10 Armenians brutally murdered, in order to teach the horrors of
11 genocide so that it may be eliminated from the human condition;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the
15 United Nations and the Armenian assembly of America.

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