

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 76

Reps. Manoogian, Afendoulis, LaFave, Cherry, Warren, Whitsett, Pagan, Tyrone Carter, Anthony, Liberati, Garza, Kennedy, Robinson, Haadsma, Wittenberg, Cambensy, Hope, Berman, Love, Frederick, Camilleri, LaGrand, Stone, Koleszar, Pohutsky, Bolden, Chirkun, Crawford, Gay-Dagnogo, Hammoud, Jones, Kuppa, Rabhi, Rendon, Shannon, Sneller, Sowerby and Tate offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare April 24, 2019, as a Day of  
2 Remembrance in the state of Michigan for the Armenian Genocide of  
3 1915-1923.

4           Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes that the Armenian  
5 Genocide occurred from 1915 to 1923. Armenians, as well as Greeks,  
6 Assyrian-Chaldeans, Syriacs, Arameans, Maronites, and other  
7 Christians were subject to torture, starvation, mass murder, and



1 exile from their historic homeland. Over 1.5 million lost their  
2 lives. The Armenian Genocide represented a deliberate attempt by  
3 the Ottoman Empire to eliminate all traces of a thriving, noble  
4 civilization; and

5       Whereas, The majority of the Armenian population was displaced  
6 from their homes and forced to escape to neighboring and far away  
7 communities and countries. Many refugees fled to the United States.  
8 Today, Michigan is honored to be home to a vibrant Armenian-  
9 American population of more than 17,000 Michiganders. This thriving  
10 community is a proud reminder of survival and perseverance in the  
11 face of extreme injustice; and

12       Whereas, Michigan Armenian churches and community  
13 organizations have organized numerous charity and community drives  
14 across the state, including, but not limited to, providing college  
15 scholarships for deserving students and serving Armenian refugee  
16 communities across the state; and

17       Whereas, By recognizing and consistently remembering the  
18 Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust and all cases of past and ongoing  
19 genocide, we help protect historic memory, ensure that similar  
20 atrocities do not occur again, and remain vigilant against hatred,  
21 persecution and tyranny; and

22       Whereas, Armenian communities around the world commemorate  
23 this tragedy on April 24, 2019. On this day, we honor the victims  
24 and survivors of the Genocide and reaffirm our commitment to  
25 preventing future atrocities from being committed against any  
26 people; now, therefore, be it

27       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
28 this legislative body declare April 24, 2019, as a Day of  
29 Remembrance in the state of Michigan for the Armenian Genocide of

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