

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 and Bolden 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
8 exile from their historic homeland. Over 1.5 million lost their



1 lives. The Armenian Genocide represented a deliberate attempt by
2 the Ottoman Empire to eliminate all traces of a thriving, noble
3 civilization; and

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

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

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

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

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
27 this legislative body declare April 24, 2019, as a Day of
28 Remembrance in the state of Michigan for the Armenian Genocide of
29 1915-1923.