

##**A Resolution to affirm the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide.**

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Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Whereas it is proper for nations of free people to openly and loudly condemn atrocities committed by governments abroad;

Whereas the United States has a long history of condemning genocide and other atrocities committed by governments abroad, including the Armenian Genocide;

Whereas justice and truth should precede any political or foreign affairs concerns when determining United States policy abroad;

Whereas the Armenian Genocide was a mass extermination of the Armenian people carried out by the Ottoman Empire in the Turkish and surrounding regions during the second decade of the twentieth century, resulting in the deaths of roughly one million Armenians in a period of only a few years;

Whereas the Ottoman Empire was also responsible for the ethnic cleansing of the Greek Pontians, Anatolian Greeks, and Assyrians during the same time period, totalling roughly another million people;

Whereas the Armenian Genocide set the stage for the most brutal ethnic cleansing effort in all of human history in the Holocaust, as Adolf Hitler dismissed objections to Germany's invasion of Poland in 1939 by remarking "Who after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?";

Whereas the United States Secretary of State approved of the United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire during the Armenian Genocide leading protests against the ethnic cleansing that was taking place at the time;

Whereas recent attempts to stifle the official recognition by the United States on the Armenian Genocide place doubt on America's ability to stand with truth and justice in the world and to project power in advancing liberty and justice for all in all nations;

Whereas the creator of the word "genocide" referred to the Armenian Genocide in his definition in 1941;

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives assembled that

****a.**** It is the sense of the House of Representatives that the policy of the United States Government recognizes and condemns, in full, the atrocities perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire in the Armenian Genocide.

****b.**** It is the sense of the House of Representatives that the policy of the United States Government condemns the modern-day nation of Turkey for its hostility towards those seeking to increase awareness and appropriate restitution for the atrocities perpetrated in the Armenian Genocide.

****c.**** It is the sense of the House of Representatives that the policy of the United States Government is to reject any and all attempts to downplay or deny the atrocities that occurred during the Armenian Genocide and the attempts to cover up these atrocities.

****d.**** It is the sense of the House of Representatives that the policy of the United States Government is to encourage education with regard to the Armenian Genocide.

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