

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3003

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1 A concurrent resolution proclaiming April 24 as a day of remembrance of the Armenian
2 genocide.

3 **WHEREAS**, 1,500,000 men, women, and children of Armenian descent were victims of
4 the genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire in 1915 and thereafter; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry
6 Morgenthau, Sr., stated, "Whatever crimes the most perverted instincts of the human mind can
7 devise, and whatever refinement of persecutions and injustice the most debased imagination
8 can conceive, became the daily misfortunes of these 'devoted people.'"; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the killing of the Armenian people was accomplished by the systematic
10 destruction of churches, schools, libraries, treasures of art, and cultural monuments in an
11 attempt to eliminate all traces of a noble civilization with a history of more than 3,000 years; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Armenian genocide has been acknowledged by several countries and
13 international bodies; and

14 **WHEREAS**, each year Armenians throughout the world honor those who perished from
15 1915 to 1923, and all the world's people should commemorate the Armenian genocide because
16 it stands as an ugly testament to man's inhumanity to man; and

17 **WHEREAS**, it is essential to raise awareness about the Armenian genocide not only
18 because it is an undeniable chapter of world history, but also because learning more about this
19 unconscionable tragedy will help better understand the necessity of eliminating hatred from our
20 own communities;

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
22 **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

23 That April 24 is proclaimed as a day of remembrance of the Armenian genocide; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 2 resolution to the chairman of the Armenian Community of North Dakota, the Armenian
- 3 Assembly of America, and the Armenian National Committee.