



1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 31

April 3, 1995 – Introduced by Representative WIRCH, cosponsored by Senator ANDREA. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **Relating to:** the Armenian genocide.

2 Whereas, the extermination of more than 1,500,000 Armenians by the Ottoman
3 Turks and the forced deportation of countless others has been remembered every
4 year since 1915 on April 24 as Armenian Martyrs Day; and

5 Whereas, 80 years ago Armenians were forced to witness the slaughter of their
6 relatives and the loss of their ancestral homeland; and

7 Whereas, Turkey continues to deny and distort the facts of the genocide and
8 honors the perpetrators of that crime against humanity as national heroes; and

9 Whereas, the continuous denial of the Armenian genocide by the present-day
10 Turkish government deprives the Armenian people of the right to their own history;
11 and

12 Whereas, the Armenian people have not received reparations for their losses;
13 and

14 Whereas, ancestral Armenian lands have not been returned to the Armenian
15 people; now, therefore, be it

1 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the
2 Wisconsin legislature commemorate this 80th anniversary of the Armenian genocide
3 on April 24, 1995, and urge the citizens of Wisconsin to do the same; and, be it further

4 **Resolved, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature call on the President
5 of the United States to obtain from the present Turkish government an
6 acknowledgment of the genocide that was perpetrated against the Armenians from
7 1915 to 1923; and, be it further

8 **Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
9 resolution to the President of the United States.

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