1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 102

February 8, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives Plale, Sykora, Spillner, Ladwig, Staskunas, Schooff, Ryba, J. Lehman, Kreuser, Steinbrink, Walker, Turner, Gronemus, Jeskewitz and Porter, cosponsored by Senators Grobschmidt, Burke, George, Wirch, Roessler and Plache. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: designating April 24 of each year as "Wisconsin Day of Remembrance
2	for the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923".
3	Whereas, a systematic destruction of thousands of Armenian communities,
4	through massacres and death marches in which some 1,500,000 Armenians perished
5	and hundreds of thousands more were uprooted from their homes and ancient
6	homeland, was carried out from 1915 to 1923; and
7	Whereas, despite the overwhelming evidence borne out by a wealth of
8	documentation, the Turkish government has never recognized nor accepted
9	responsibility for the genocide of the Armenian people from 1915 to 1923; and
10	Whereas, by denying, and trying to expunge, the record of their genocide, the
11	Turkish government deprives the Armenian people of their own history; and
12	Whereas, recognition of these instances of the Turkish inhumanity to the
13	Armenian population is crucial to guarding against the recurrence of genocide and
14	provides the Armenian people with a greater understanding of their heritage; and

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1	Whereas, the discrimination against and the hardship of the Armenian people
2	persist today as fundamental freedoms are eroded through various governmental
3	administrative orders; and
4	Whereas, the differences between the Turkish and Armenian people remain
5	and even today lead to the loss of human lives and numerous violations of human
6	rights; and
7	Whereas, the government of Turkey denies its Armenian community religious
8	freedom, the right to control its own schools, the right to teach its children its own
9	language, and the right to express its ethnic identity; now therefore, be it
10	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature of
11	the state of Wisconsin hereby designates April 24 of each year as "Wisconsin Day of
12	Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923"; and, be it further
13	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
14	resolution to the Governor, the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee and
15	the President of the United States.
16	(END)