## **1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 42**

May 2, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives LADWIG and PLALE. Referred to calendar.

Relating to: designating April 24 of each year as "Wisconsin Day of Remembrance
for the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923".
Whereas, a systematic destruction of thousands of Armenian communities,
through massacres and death marches in which some 1,500,000 Armenians perished
and hundreds of thousands more were uprooted from their homes and ancient
homeland, was carried out from 1915 to 1923; and
Whereas, despite the overwhelming evidence borne out by a wealth of
documentation, the Turkish government has never recognized nor accepted
responsibility for the genocide of the Armenian people from 1915 to 1923; and
Whereas, by denying, and trying to expunge, the record of their genocide, the
Turkish government deprives the Armenian people of their own history; and
Whereas, recognition of these instances of the Turkish inhumanity to the
Armenian population is crucial to guarding against the recurrence of genocide and
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	<b>Resolved by the assembly, That</b> the assembly of the state of Wisconsin hereby
11	designates April 24 of each year as "Wisconsin Day of Remembrance for the
12	Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923"; and, be it further
13	<b>Resolved, That</b> the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
14	to the Governor, the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee and the
15	President of the United States.
16	(END)