

## 2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

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1     **Relating to:** designating April 24 as Wisconsin Day of Remembrance for the  
2             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

