



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 1998

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: At the outstart of World War I the young Turk Regime began the plan of genocide which included the deportation of the entire Armenian population to the deserts of what is now Syria; and

WHEREAS: The leader of the young Turk movement was the principal author of the extermination plan of the Armenians and their culture, a culture in existence for over 3,000 years; and

WHEREAS: More than 1,000,000 Armenians died from starvation, were killed or were brutally driven from their homes, land and families during the deportation; and

WHEREAS: Christian Armenians were tortured and murdered for refusing to accept Islam as their religion; and

WHEREAS: Armenians who escaped deportation from Turkey were massacred; and

WHEREAS: The Armenian genocide, one of the most colossal crimes of all ages, was recognized by the United Nations in 1986, but the Turkish government engages in a policy of denial, distortion and revision of the historical truth about the Armenian genocide; and

WHEREAS: The survivors sought to build a new life for themselves and their homeland and are beginning to renew their society after decades of Soviet rule; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council goes on record acknowledging April 24, 1998 as the 83rd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923 and urges the City to remember the 1,500,000 Armenian people who lost their lives in the genocide of Armenians from Turkey.

In City Council May 4, 1998.

Adopted by the rising vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Counsellor Sullivan
Counsellor Torney

Whereas

At the outbreak of World War I. The young Turk Regime began the plan of genocide ~~of the~~ which included the deportation of the entire Armenian population ~~of Mesopotamia~~ to the deserts of what is now Syria; and

Whereas:

The leaders of the young Turk movement was the principal author of the extermination plan of the Armenians and their culture, a ~~the~~ culture in existence for over 3,000 years; and

Whereas: ^{Armenians}

~~The Armenians were reported to have~~ More than 1,000,000 died from starvation, were killed or ~~the~~ were brutally driven from their homes, land and families during the deportation; and

Whereas:

Christian Armenians were tortured and murdered for refusing to accept Islam as their

~~refugee~~ religion, and

Whereas:

Armenians who escaped deportation ^{from Turkey} were massacred; and ~~and~~

Whereas

The Armenian genocide, the most classed crime of ~~the~~ all ages, was recognized by the United Nations in 1986 but the Turkish government ~~is engaged~~ engages in a policy of denial, distortion and revision of the historical ~~fact~~ truth about the Armenian genocide; and

Whereas

The ~~the~~ Turkish survivors sought to build a new life for themselves and their homeland are beginning to renew their society ~~and~~ after decades of soviet rule, ~~and~~ now therefore

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight

RESOLUTIONS ON THE OCCASION OF A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR
THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923.

WHEREAS, APRIL 24, 1998 IS BEING OBSERVED AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923; AND

WHEREAS, THIS YEAR'S STATE HOUSE COMMEMORATION HONORS H.D.S. GREENWAY AND MARION DERRAZARIAN WHO, THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED IMMENSURABLY TO THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN THE COMMONWEALTH; AND

WHEREAS, 1,500,000 PEOPLE OF ARMENIAN ANCESTRY WERE VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE PERPETRATED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE FROM 1915 TO 1923; AND

WHEREAS, AT THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR I, THE YOUNG TURK REGIME BEGAN THE PLAN OF GENOCIDE WHICH CONSISTED OF DEPORTING THE ENTIRE ARMENIAN POPULATION, OF OVER 2,000,000 PEOPLE OF EVERY AGE AND CONDITION OF HEALTH, TO THE BARREN DESERTS OF WHAT IS NOW SYRIA; AND

WHEREAS, TALAT PASHA, LEADER OF THE YOUNG TURK MOVEMENT, WAS PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF THE PLAN TO EXTERMINATE THE ARMENIANS AND THEIR CULTURE THAT WAS IN EXISTENCE FOR OVER 3,000 YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, THE ARMENIANS WERE DEPORTED ON FOOT, IN DEATH MARCHES DURING WHICH MORE THAN 1,000,000 INDIVIDUALS DIED OF STARVATION, WERE KILLED OR WERE ROUSED UP AND BRUTALLY DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES AND LAND, SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES, ROBBED OF EVERYTHING THEY OWNED AND STRIPPED OF ALL THEY CARRIED WITH THEM; AND

WHEREAS, THOUSANDS OF CHRISTIAN ARMENIANS WERE TORTURED AND MURDERED FOR REFUSING TO ACCEPT ISLAM AS THEIR RELIGION; AND

WHEREAS, THE MASSACRE OF ARMENIANS WHO ESCAPED DEPORTATION AND REMAINED IN TURKEY WAS CALLED THE "MOST COLOSSAL CRIME OF ALL AGES" IN THE MILITARY MISSION'S REPORT TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS; AND

WHEREAS, IN A TELEGRAM SENT AT THE TIME BY THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR HENRY MORGENTHAU TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MORGENTHAU WARNED THAT A "CAMPAIGN OF RACE EXTERMINATIONS IS IN PROGRESS UNDER A PRETEXT OF REPRISAL AGAINST REBELLION"; AND

WHEREAS, THE ATROCITIES INFLICTED ON ARMENIANS DURING THE DEATH MARCHES TO THE SYRIAN DESERT HAVE BEEN VIEWED AS THE PROTOTYPE FOR THE HOLOCAUST OF WORLD WAR II AND LED TO A SPEECH GIVEN BY ADOLF HITLER ON AUGUST 23, 1939, ON THE EVE OF HIS INVASION OF POLAND, WHEN HE PROCLAIMED "WHO TODAY, REMEMBERS THE EXTERMINATION OF THE ARMENIANS"; AND

WHEREAS, IN 1986 THE UNITED NATIONS RECOGNIZED THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND YET, THE PRESENT DAY TURKISH GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO ENGAGE IN A POLICY OF DENIAL, DISTORTION, AND REVISION OF HISTORICAL TRUTH ABOUT THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE; AND

WHEREAS, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S DENIAL PREVENTS ATONEMENT BY THE TURKISH PEOPLE AND MAKES THE GOVERNMENT AN ACCESSORY TO THE YOUNG TURKS' CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, THE LEGACY OF WHICH TURKEY TODAY ENJOYS; AND

WHEREAS, THE SURVIVORS SOUGHT TO BUILD A NEW LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND PART OF THEIR HOMELAND AND ARE NOW BEGINNING TO RENEW THEIR SOCIETY AFTER DECADES OF SOVIET RULE; AND

WHEREAS, THE UNLAWFUL AND INHUMAN BLOCKADE OF ARMENIA BY TURKEY AND AZERBAIJAN DEPRIVES THE ARMENIANS OF THE MOST BASIC NECESSITIES, INCLUDING UNITED STATES HUMANITARIAN AID; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT ACKNOWLEDGES THE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMONWEALTH AND COUNTRY BY CITIZENS OF ARMENIAN ORIGIN ON THE OCCASION OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923, AND IT CALLS UPON THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO OBSERVE APRIL 24, 1998, BY REMEMBERING THE 1,500,000 PEOPLE OF ARMENIAN ANCESTRY WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923; AND BE IT FURTHER

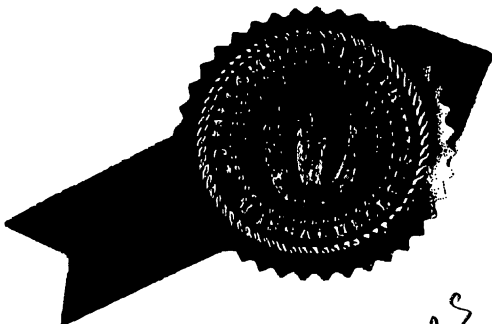
RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO H.D.S. GREENWAY AND MARION DERRAZARIAN.

SENATE, ADOPTED, APRIL 21, 1998.

Thomas F. Baughman
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
Charles B. O'Neill
CLERK OF THE SENATE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPTED IN CONCURRENCE, APRIL 21, 1998.

Robert J. Farnham
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
Robert S. MacLean
CLERK OF THE HOUSE



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OFFERED BY:

Warren E. Tolman

SENATOR WARREN E. TOLMAN

Linda J. Melconian

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John D. O'Brien

SENATOR JOHN D. O'BRIEN

Robert A. Bernstein

SENATOR ROBERT A. BERNSTEIN

Steven C. Paragiotakos

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Matthew J. Amorello

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James R. Miceli

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Rachel Kaprielian

REPRESENTATIVE RACHEL KAPRIELIAN

REPRESENTATIVE PETER J. KOUTOUJIAN

Steven G. Tolman

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Consent Order #1

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Councillors Sullivan and Toomey re: resolution
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