

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 676

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the world community in observing Armenian Martyrs' Day on April 24, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, This day commemorates the day 90 years ago when over 200 Armenian civic, political, religious, and intellectual leaders were arrested by the Ottoman authorities; they were later executed in Constantinople; and

**WHEREAS**, Approximately 1.5 million Armenian citizens of the Ottoman Empire were killed in the years during and after World War I in atrocities that constituted the first large-scale ethnic massacre of the 20th century; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of these tragic events, the Armenian people were displaced from their homes; most Armenian-Americans are descended from families that immigrated to the United States as a result of this catastrophe; and

**WHEREAS**, The commemoration of these events unites the Armenian community and encourages all people to reflect on the consequences of violence against our fellow man; it provides the opportunity for citizens to honor the memory of those who lost their lives and to pay tribute to those who survived; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize April 24, 2005, as Armenian Martyrs' Day; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in observance of this solemn occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 22, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate