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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915.

1 WHEREAS, between the years 1915 and 1923, during the chaos
2 of World War I, one and a half million Armenian men, women and
3 children living within the Ottoman Empire's borders were killed
4 in a brutal genocide; and
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6 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Armenians were forced to
7 flee to foreign countries after being stripped of their
8 possessions, their national identities and their homeland; and
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10 WHEREAS, documented as the first instance of genocide in
11 the twentieth century, the Armenian Genocide remains
12 unacknowledged by Turkey to this day; and
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14 WHEREAS, even though over ninety years have passed since
15 these mass killings took place, present day atrocities continue
16 to resonate throughout the world; and
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18 WHEREAS, it is our responsibility to recognize the brutal
19 slayings of so many innocents, remembering their suffering and
20 vowing to help prevent future genocides; and
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22 WHEREAS, each year Armenians throughout the world honor
23 those who perished and the entire world's people should
24 commemorate the Armenian Genocide because it stands as an ugly
25 testament to man's inhumanity to man; and
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27 WHEREAS, Armenia's ties to Hawaii started in the 1920's
28 with painter Arman Manookian, a genocide survivor, who became
29 known as Hawaii's Van Gogh; and

30 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a growing Armenian-American community
31 that is involved in all aspects of public life, from business to
32 education and government; now, therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that
36 this body hereby joins Hawaii's Armenian-American community and



all Armenians worldwide in honoring those who were killed and persecuted during the Armenian Genocide, and urge people throughout the world to never forget these horrific crimes against humanity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate recognizes April 24 as a day of remembrance of the Armenian Genocide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Armenian National Committee of America and the Armenian State Committee of Hawaii.

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