

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 125

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

211th LEGISLATURE

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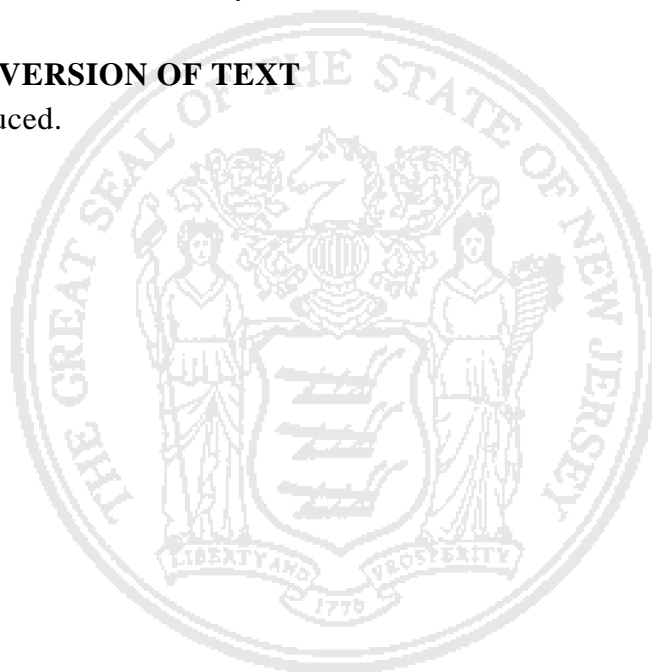
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SYNOPSIS

Recognizes 90th anniversary of Armenian Genocide.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** recognizing the 90th anniversary of the
2 Armenian Genocide.

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4 **WHEREAS**, From 1915 to 1923, 1.5 million Armenian people were
5 systematically persecuted and executed by the governments of the
6 Ottoman Empire in the first genocide of the twentieth century; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The genocide began on the night of April 24, 1915, when
8 the Turkish government arrested more than 200 Armenian
9 community leaders in Constantinople and hundreds more soon after;
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11 **WHEREAS**, Most of the prominent public figures of the Armenian
12 community were summarily executed; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The Armenian people were then systematically subject to
14 deportation, expropriation, abduction, torture, massacre and
15 starvation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Hundreds of thousands of Armenian men, women and
17 children were forcibly removed from their homes and deported to
18 the Syrian desert, where the majority of the deportees died of
19 dehydration and starvation; and

20 **WHEREAS**, It is estimated that by 1918, approximately one million
21 people had perished, while hundreds of thousands had become
22 homeless and stateless refugees; and

23 **WHEREAS**, By 1923, the entire landmass of Asia Minor and historic
24 West Armenia had been expunged of its Armenian population; now
25 therefore,

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27 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
28 *of New Jersey:*

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30 1. This joint resolution recognizes the 90th anniversary of the
31 Armenian Genocide and acknowledges the criminal mistreatment of
32 the Armenians by the governments of the Ottoman Empire as an issue
33 of international and historic significance.

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35 2. The Governor and the Legislature shall call upon the citizens of
36 the State of New Jersey to recognize the 90th anniversary of the
37 Armenian Genocide and honor the memory of the 1.5 million people
38 who died as a result.

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40 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 This joint resolution recognizes the 90th anniversary of the

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2 Governor and the Legislature shall call upon the citizens of New
3 Jersey to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide
4 and to remember those who died as a result.