



2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 23

April 8, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives WEATHERSTON, BARCA, BERNIER, BRANDTJEN, GOYKE, JACQUE, KERKMAN, KITCHENS, MASON, MURTHA, OHNSTAD, PETRYK, RIEMER, RIPP, RODRIGUEZ, SCHRAA, SHANKLAND, SKOWRONSKI, SPREITZER, C. TAYLOR, TITTL and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD, HANSEN, HARRIS DODD, C. LARSON, LAZICH, MARKLEIN, L. TAYLOR and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** remembrance of April 24, 2015, as the 100th Anniversary of the
2 Armenian Genocide.

3 Whereas, 2015 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, when
4 the systematic destruction of thousands of Armenian communities in the Ottoman
5 Empire, through massacres and death marches in which some 1,500,000 Armenians
6 perished and hundreds of thousands more were uprooted from their homes and
7 ancient homeland, was carried out from 1915 to 1923; and

8 Whereas, despite the overwhelming evidence borne out by a wealth of
9 documentation, the Turkish government has never recognized nor accepted
10 responsibility for the genocide of the Armenian people from 1915 to 1923; and

11 Whereas, by denying, and trying to expunge, the record of their genocide, the
12 Turkish government deprives the Armenian people of their own history; and

13 Whereas, recognition of this atrocity is crucial to guarding against the
14 recurrence of genocide and provides the Armenian people with a greater
15 understanding of their heritage; and

