

Senate Resolution 542

By: Senator Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the world-wide victims of genocide and recognizing April 22, 2011, as Georgia's
2 Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, one and a half million men, women, and children of Armenian descent were the
4 victims of the brutal genocide perpetrated by the Young Turk government of the Ottoman
5 Empire from 1915 to 1923; and

6 WHEREAS, the Armenian genocide and massacres of Armenian people have been
7 recognized as an attempt to eliminate all traces of a thriving and noble civilization over 3,000
8 years old; and

9 WHEREAS, the denial of the Armenian genocide by the present-day Turkish government
10 continues to antagonize the Armenian people concerning their own rightful place in history;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, by raising awareness of and openly condemning the atrocities committed
13 against the Armenians, Georgians are reminded of the need for constant vigilance in order
14 to prevent similar atrocities in the future; and

15 WHEREAS, recognition of the anniversary of this genocide is crucial to guarding against the
16 repetition of future genocides and educating people about the atrocities connected to these
17 horrific events; and

18 WHEREAS, as home to over 500 Armenian families, Armenian Americans living in Georgia
19 have greatly enriched our state through their leadership in business, agriculture, academia,
20 government, and the arts.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 join the Armenian community in honoring the memory of the victims of genocide throughout

23 the world and recognize April 22, 2011, as Georgia's Day of Remembrance of the Armenian
24 Genocide of 1915-1923.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate calls upon the people of Georgia to observe
26 that day by remembering the one and a half million people of Armenian ancestry who lost
27 their lives during that terrible time.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Armenian Independent Cultural
30 Association of Atlanta, Inc.