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House Resolution

A resolution commemorating the Pontian Greek genocide of 1914-1922.

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WHEREAS, from 1914 to 1922, in a systematic attempt to exterminate an entire civilization, the Ottoman Turks directed the genocide of 353,000 Greeks living in Pontus and forced an equal amount to flee their homeland, and

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WHEREAS, today we solemnly remember the victims of this devastating event in the fervent hope that their memories may serve to stir the conscience of the world, and

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WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance that utmost emphasis be placed on the necessity for all civilized nations to remain ever vigilant against tyranny in the firm determination that such atrocities never again be perpetrated against humankind, and

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WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to remember those who lost their lives in the Pontian Greek genocide of 1914-1922 and to pay tribute and extend our gratitude to the survivors and their descendants who have made countless enriching contributions to our culture and way of life in this state and this nation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

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That the Florida House of Representatives joins in commemorating the Pontian Greek Genocide of 1914-1922 and

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29 commends the Pontian Greek people for their significant

30 contributions to civilization.