

United States Senate

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In Recognition of the Armenian Genocide

To the Armenian Community of Texas:

100 years ago, the world was too silent as the Armenian people suffered a horrific genocide. Today, we commemorate more than a million souls who were extinguished by the Ottoman government. Let the terrors of those events awaken in us the courage to always stand for freedom against evil forces. As Pope Francis rightly said, "Concealing or denying evil is like allowing a wound to keep bleeding without bandaging it."

The massacre of the Armenian, Assyrian, and other Christian people should be called what it was: genocide.

Sadly, many today are still unaware of this 20th century atrocity. We cannot neglect the brutality carried out on these innocent souls because we cannot leave any room for them to occur again. If we forget the annals of history, we will not honor those who suffered in the death camps of the Holocaust, Soviet Union, Cambodia, and many others. That is a tragedy we can and should prevent.

As the Russian novelist and Soviet prisoner Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn reflected, "In keeping silent about evil, in burying it so deep within us that no sign of it appears on the surface, we are implanting it, and it will rise up a thousand fold in the future."

I commend your efforts to illuminate the past, and to prevent such injustice from occurring again, whether in your homeland or in any country around the globe. Thank you for your commitment to speaking the truth in love.

May God bless the Armenian people, and may he continue to bless America.

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz
United States Senator