

the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues in calling upon this administration and the government of Turkey to formally recognize the Armenian genocide.

91ST ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF  
THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in commemorating the 91st annual observance of the Armenian Genocide.

Ninety-one years ago, there began a vast human tragedy with the execution of some 300 Armenian leaders, professionals and intellectuals. Over the next eight years, a brutal campaign of genocide against the Armenian people was carried out in the Ottoman Empire, leading to the deaths of over 1.5 million people and the deporting of another 500,000.

Decade after decade there has been a failure to acknowledge the Armenian genocide. Today, while there is increased pressure on Turkey to acknowledge the facts of history, and some new voices have been raised to urge this acknowledgement, there remain efforts to evade this dark chapter in human his-

tory, as evidenced by a book recently sent to Congressional offices.

So this is the time for all of us who have been joining in the commemoration of the Armenian Genocide to continue to speak out. It is vital and urgent for us to insist that there be a universal participation in remembering the victims. We must say, to those who hesitate, our humanity can settle for nothing less.