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## **ASSEMBLY CONGRATULATES ARMENIAN CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS ON THEIR ELECTION VICTORIES Plan To Introduce Armenian Genocide Resolution Next Congress**

Washington, DC – The Armenian Assembly today congratulated Congressmen Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) and Joe Knollenberg (R-MI), Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, on winning re-election to the House of Representatives and welcomed their confirmation to introduce an Armenian Genocide resolution in the next Congress.

“We will be preparing to introduce an Armenian Genocide resolution with our colleagues Congressmen Adam Schiff (D-CA) and George Radanovich (R-CA) next Congress,” said Pallone and Knollenberg. “With this legislation we hope to once and for all reaffirm the historical truth that the Ottoman Empire carried out a campaign of race extermination against Armenians from 1915-1923. Proper recognition of this horrific event is the first step in preventing future crimes and gives meaning to the phrase Never Again.”

The Congressmen have also informed the Assembly of their intention to spearhead a special Capitol Hill event commemorating the 92nd anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in April, which they have also done in the past. During the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the co-chairs organized a pan-Armenian commemoration.

“The Assembly congratulates Congressmen Pallone and Knollenberg on their success and thanks them for their sustained leadership,” said Assembly Executive Director Bryan Ardouny. “We look forward to working with them and the entire Armenian-American community and all supporters of genocide prevention to secure passage of an Armenian Genocide resolution in the House.”

Ardouny also noted that over 90 percent of Armenian Caucus Members who stood for re-election on November 7, retained their seats. Their bipartisan support will be necessary to advance a resolution on the Armenian Genocide, as well as other Armenia-specific legislation.

"We are pleased that the majority of Members on the Armenian Caucus were re-elected and look forward to working with them to strengthen relations between the U.S. and Armenia, prevent attempts by Turkey and Azerbaijan to isolate her, and once and for all reaffirm the U.S. record on the Armenian Genocide," said Pallone and Knollenberg.

The Armenian Assembly is the largest Washington-based nationwide organization promoting public understanding and awareness of Armenian issue. It is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt membership organization.

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**Photograph:**



**Caption:** Armenian Caucus Co-Chair Joseph Knollenberg (R-MI), right, and Executive Director Bryan Ardouny.



**Caption:** Armenian Caucus Co-Chair Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) flanked by Board of Trustees Executive Committee Member Annie Totah and Executive Director Bryan Ardouny.