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JOURNEY FOR HUMANITY TAKES ON WASHINGTON

Young Armenian-American Activists Meet with Armenian Caucus Co-Chairs

Washington, DC – After walking cross-country for four months from Los Angeles to Washington, a group of Armenian-American activists who formed Journey for Humanity, led a final march to the United States Capitol this month. Along with Assembly Executive Director Bryan Ardouny, the group met with the Armenian Caucus Co-Chairs Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) and Joseph Knollenberg (R-MI) to discuss their 3,000 mile journey and efforts to advance the cause of genocide prevention as well as honor the victims and survivors of all genocidal acts.

“I commend the dedication of these six Armenian students, as well as the Armenian Assembly for their efforts in raising public awareness and affirmation of these crimes against humanity,” said Pallone and Knollenberg. “Awareness and education are the keys to prevention.”

While in Washington, the group also participated in a panel discussion hosted by the George Washington University Armenian Student’s Network. The event was cosponsored by Georgetown University Armenian Student’s Association, Students Taking Action Now for Darfur (STAND), Progressive Student Union, Hillel and the Armenian Assembly. In addition to Journey for Humanity, featured speakers included Lisa Rogoff of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Jana El-Horr of the American Islamic Congress, Julia Fitzpatrick of Citizens for Global Solutions and Martha Heinemann-Bixby of the Save Darfur Coalition.

“I applaud the entire Journey for Humanity team for their courageous spirit,” said Ardouny. “It is heartening to see this group of thoughtful, civic-minded individuals devote their time and energy to raising awareness of the need to remember and learn not only about the Armenian Genocide, but all genocides in order to prevent future occurrences.”

Journey for Humanity’s next step is to create a speakers bureau which will travel to universities, middle schools and high schools to discuss genocide prevention.

To learn more about Journey for Humanity, visit their Web site at www.journeyforhumanity.com.

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Caption: L to R: Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), Vahe Abovian, St. Mary's Armenian Church Youth Director Daron Bolat, Sarkis Nazaryan, Albrik Zohrabyan, Assembly Executive Director Bryan Ardouny, Hasmig Tatiossian, Edward S. Majian, Representative Joseph Knollenberg (R-MI) and Levon Sayadyan.