

HCS HCRs 10 & 20 -- 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SREBRENICA GENOCIDE

SPONSOR: Hruza

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 7 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HCR 10.

This House Concurrent Resolution commemorates the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide and designates July 11, 2025 as "Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day". The Resolution recognizes the contributions of the Bosnian community in Missouri, particularly their efforts to promote awareness and understanding of the Srebrenica genocide and reaffirms the Missouri General Assembly's commitment to upholding the principles of human rights, justice, and the prevention of future genocides.

This is the same as HCR 20 (2025).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Bosnian genocide was the first genocide since world war II. 8372 Bosniak men and boys were murdered by Bosnian forces. In one instance, 500 men were in an auditorium and they were all systematically murdered in the auditorium and buried in graves that were specifically constructed to hide evidence. The U.S. Congress has already passed a resolution to recognize the Srebrenica genocide. Many of the survivors live in Missouri communities now and contribute to our society and this tragedy should be recognized. This population should know that it is seen. St. Louis was a really large immigration point for Bosnians, and the numbers are dwindling, because the community members are passing away. It is important to recognize this genocide before it is forgotten. This resolution helps to keep their families' memories alive. The witnesses described how they survived the genocide, some by sheer luck.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Hruza; Elvir Ahmetovic; Emir Hadzic; Elvedin Husic; Saib Krdzic; and Arnie Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.