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MASSE'S SREBRENICA MOTION PASSES IN PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, ON – Brian Masse M.P. (Windsor West) introduced a motion in the House of Commons today to have the Srebrenica Genocide included in former Motion M-587 which was passed this past April 2015 in Parliament. His new motion passed this morning in Parliament.

M-587 establishes April as Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month, re-affirms support for a number of commemorative motions and bills previously adopted in the Canadian parliament, and acknowledges specific days of commemoration related to each of these motions and bills.

However, M-587 only included four of the five recognized genocides by the Parliament of Canada and it did not include the Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day motion introduced by Masse in 2010 and which passed unanimously in the House.

"I am proud that we could include Srebrenica Remembrance Day in this recognition especially because it is the 20th Anniversary of this genocide this upcoming July. Most importantly, I want to thank Senad Alicehajic, President of the Bosnian Club of Windsor, Imam Dr. Zijad Delic, and Emir Ramic, President of the Congress of North American Bosniaks-Canada, for their hard work and dedication to ensuring that this genocide is not forgotten by Canadians," said Masse.

The Srebrenica genocide was declared an act of genocide by the international Criminal tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Court of Justice and is highlighted at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights which opened in 2014.

Today's Motion read: *That, in the opinion of the House, and in advance of the twentieth anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide of 11 July 2015, Parliament should (a) reaffirm support for former Motion M-416 passed in the House of Commons on 19 October 2010, which recognized July 11 annually as Srebrenica Remembrance Day in Canada, and (b) include the Srebrenica genocide, and Srebrenica Remembrance Day as part of "Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Awareness Month" every April going forth as supported by the House in Motion Motion M-587 passed by Parliament 24 April 2015.*

To see Masse's former work and the history of this event please see:

<http://brianmasse.ndp.ca/srebrenica-remembrance-motion-passes-unanimous-consent-in-parliament>

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