

WALK OF REMEMBRANCE



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A group of young people carrying "March for Humanity" banners made their way through Modesto on Sunday as part of a 19-day march meant to draw attention to the 90th anniversary of the Armenian genocide. About 14 young people, ages 17 to 24, began their walk in Fresno on April 2 and expect to reach Sacramento by April 21. They were joined by other supporters en route and began Sunday's walk at the Modesto airport. By late afternoon, the group, above, was heading north on McHenry Avenue toward Escalon. "Our goal is to raise awareness about the Armenian genocide, to have it properly commemorated," said Serouj Aprahamian, 23, of Los Angeles. California and 36 other states recognize the genocide, but the federal government does not. About 1.5 million Armenians were killed between 1915 and 1923, when the Ottoman Empire ruled Turkey.