

First plaque:

This memorial honors the victims and descendants of the 1915 Armenian Genocide on the 100th anniversary of that great tragedy. ^{The genocide} This event prompted Coloradans to come to the aid of the remaining few who became known as "the starving Armenians." This Armenian cultural monument is a replica of a khachkar, crafted in 1583, from the medieval Armenian cemetery in Djulfa. The largest collection of these intricately-carved khachkars, Djulfa ¹ was destroyed in 2005. UNESCO has since recognized the value and vulnerability of this art form by declaring it part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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Second Plaque:

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