
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 26, 2014, AS THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE
KHOJALY TRAGEDY IN AZERBAIJAN.

1 WHEREAS, the Nagorno-Karabakh War was a conflict between
2 Armenia and Azerbaijan that lasted from 1988 to 1994; and
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4 WHEREAS, on February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces
5 accompanied by Russian military troops occupied the town of
6 Khojaly in Azerbaijan and killed more than six hundred innocent
7 civilians, including many women, children and the elderly;
8 wounded more than one thousand civilians; and captured more than
9 one thousand two hundred civilians; and
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11 WHEREAS, many civilian bodies found in Khojaly after the
12 battle were disfigured and mutilated, making this one of the
13 most inhumane and barbaric battles of the war; and
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15 WHEREAS, international organizations such as Human Rights
16 Watch documented the killings; major United States and
17 international news organizations reported about the killings
18 with horror; and numerous governments around the world condemned
19 the attack; and
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21 WHEREAS, tensions between Armenia and Azerbaijan are still
22 running high because Armenian forces occupy twenty percent of
23 Azerbaijan's territory, including the Nagorno-Karabakh region
24 and the surrounding seven districts; and
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26 WHEREAS, resolutions condemning the occupation of
27 Azerbaijan's territory by Armenian forces have been passed by
28 the United Nations Security Council and the General Assembly;
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31 WHEREAS, this tragic event is a sobering reminder of the
32 terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and it



1 exemplifies the enduring need for greater understanding,
2 communication, and tolerance among people worldwide; now,
3 therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2014, that February 26, 2014, be recognized as the
8 22nd Anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy, which resulted in the
9 deaths of more than six hundred innocent civilians in the town
10 of Khojaly in Azerbaijan on February 26, 1992; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
14 Secretary of State of the United States, United States
15 Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, President Pro Tempore
16 of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House
17 of Representatives, and Hawaii's Congressional delegation.
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