
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC.

1 WHEREAS, the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic is an ethnically
2 Armenian region in the South Caucasus that has a long and
3 storied past and holds a cherished place in the Armenian
4 people's history and culture; and
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6 WHEREAS, on December 10, 1991, after decades of struggle,
7 the people of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic voted overwhelmingly
8 in favor of independence; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Nagorno-Karabakh people's persistent demand
11 for self-determination was an inspiration to people of many
12 nationalities in the region, and became one of the catalysts for
13 the fall of the former Soviet Union; and
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15 WHEREAS, through the course of the last two decades, the
16 people of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic have shown tenacity and
17 perseverance in the face of war, massacres, economic
18 deprivation, and other tremendous hardships; and
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20 WHEREAS, for more than twenty years, the Nagorno-Karabakh
21 Republic has stayed true and faithful to its citizens by
22 remaining independent, by working to bring change and stability
23 to the Caucasus region, and by holding free and fair elections
24 and referendums that have been widely declared as a model for
25 the region; and
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27 WHEREAS, many international observers, including those in
28 the United States, have assessed the May 3, 2015, parliamentary
29 elections in the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic as free and
30 transparent; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular



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1 Session of 2016, honors and recognizes the Nagorno-Karabakh
2 Republic and its citizens; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes the
5 sacrifices made and dedication, and resolve shown by the people
6 of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic in the face of extreme
7 adversity; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body extends its best
10 wishes for the peace, prosperity, and continuing success of the
11 people and government of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the
14 international community to recognize the Nagorno-Karabakh
15 Republic as a free, independent, and sovereign democracy; and

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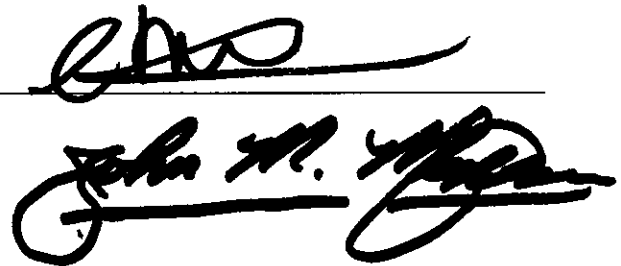
17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic
19 through its representatives visiting the State of Hawaii; and
20 that additional certified copies be transmitted to the President
21 of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States
22 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
23 Representatives, and Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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