

THE U.S. STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS



February 25, 2010



Be it hereby known to all that:
The Massachusetts House of Representatives
Offers its sincerest acknowledgment of:

The 18th Commemoration of Khojaly Massacre

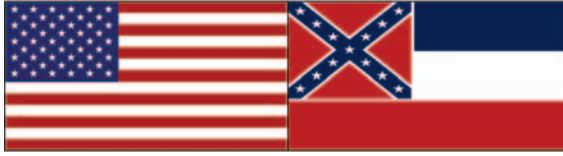
Given this 25th day of February, 2010
At the State House, Boston, Massachusetts



by: *Robert A. DeLeo*
Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House

Offered by: *Ellen Story*
Ellen Story
State Representative

THE U.S. STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



February 25, 2013

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2013

By: Representatives Zuber, Guice

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN.

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2013, the United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan will mark the twenty-first anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between these two great nations; and

WHEREAS, over the last 21 years, Azerbaijan has consolidated its sovereignty and political independence and has become an important strategic partner of the United States, both regionally and globally; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Azerbaijan are cooperating in counter terrorism efforts and the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, which is of particular importance, given that Azerbaijan is an ally nation located between the nations of Iran and Russia; and



WHEREAS, Azerbaijan also provides a multi-faceted support for the United States troops and NATO operations currently stationed in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Azerbaijan contributes to the energy security of the United States and European nations and is a critical element of the "Southern Corridor," which will further enhance diversification of energy supplies to our European allies; and

WHEREAS, bilateral trade between the United States and Azerbaijan is expanding, and as the biggest trade partner of the United States in the South Caucasus, this partnership has allowed Azerbaijan to further develop its economy and increasingly contribute to the economic growth of the United States, while simultaneously increasing Azerbaijan's ability to compete in the global market; and

WHEREAS, Azerbaijan has a tradition of peaceful coexistence, spanning centuries, between various ethnic and religious communities and is a critical relationship for the United States government in its outreach to the Muslim world, as Azerbaijan is one of the few secular countries in the Middle East with a predominately Muslim population that maintains close, friendly ties with Israel; and

WHEREAS, of noteworthy importance in supporting the continued relationship between Azerbaijan and Israel is the fact that roughly a third of the crude oil supplied to Israel, an industrious nation dependent upon this supply, comes from Azerbaijan; and

WHEREAS, there is broad, bipartisan consensus on the need to maintain the strategic partnership between the United States and Azerbaijan in order to actively engage Azerbaijan in its progression in building a market-based economy and vibrant civil society; and

WHEREAS, this year also is the twenty-first anniversary of the Khocali Massacre, which happened in Khocali Town in Azerbaijan on February 25 and 26, 1992; and

WHEREAS, it is the decision of the House of Representatives to encourage the Office of the President of the United States to work together to further strengthen the relationship between our nation and its allies, such as Azerbaijan, in order to advance the interests of democracy here in this nation and in the Middle East, presently and in the future, and to share the pain of the people of Azerbaijan as they commemorate the lives of the victims of the Khocali Massacre:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize 21 years of diplomatic relations between the United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 28, 2013, share the republic's pain in remembering the victims of the Khocali Massacre, and trust that our mutual desire for contentment will be achieved by ensuring the longevity of democracy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.



THE U.S. STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation by the Governor
February 3, 2016

STATE OF NEBRASKA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *On February 25 – 26, 1992, the population of the town of Khojaly in Azerbaijan, was subjected to a massacre, resulting in the death of over 600 innocent civilians, including many children, women, and elderly; and*

WHEREAS, *The renowned international human rights organization, Human Rights Watch, called this tragedy the largest massacre in the region; and*

WHEREAS, *This event in Khojaly is a sobering reminder of the terrible damage that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication, and tolerance among people over the world; and*

WHEREAS, *Azerbaijanis living in Nebraska and around the globe observe February 26th every year as a day of remembrance, honoring victims of the Khojaly massacre.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 26th day of February, 2016 as*

KHOJALY REMEMBRANCE DAY

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Third day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.

Attest:

Secretary of State


Governor



THE U.S. STATE OF NEW JERSEY



February 22, 2011

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 144

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 22, 2011

Sponsored by:
Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO
District 20 (Union)

SYNOPSIS

Commemorates 19th anniversary of Khojaly Tragedy.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION commemorating the 19th anniversary
2 of the Khojaly Tragedy in which more than 600 people were
3 killed.

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5 WHEREAS, The Nagorno-Karabakh War, lasting from 1988 to 1994,
6 was a conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia over the disputed
7 region of Nagorno-Karabakh; and

8 WHEREAS, As part of that conflict, on February 26, 1992 in Khojaly,
9 Azerbaijan, over 600 people were killed, over 1,000 disabled, and
10 over 1,200 civilians were taken hostage by Karabakh Armenian
11 forces; and

12 WHEREAS, Many civilian bodies found in Khojaly after the fight were
13 disfigured and mutilated, making this one of the most inhumane
14 and barbaric battles of the war; and

15 WHEREAS, International organizations such as Human Rights Watch
16 documented these killings and attributed responsibility for them to
17 Karabakh Armenian forces; and

18 WHEREAS, To this day the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia
19 continues, with Armenian forces occupying Azerbaijan territory in
20 the Nagorno-Karabakh region; and

21 WHEREAS, Resolutions against Armenian aggression towards
22 Azerbaijan, and the occupation of the Nagorno-Karabakh region by
23 Armenian forces have been passed by the United Nations General
24 Assembly and by the Organization of the Islamic Conference; and

25 WHEREAS, At the 13th session of the Organization of the Islamic
26 Conference Parliamentary Union, the Khojaly Tragedy was
27 officially recognized as an act of genocide; and

28 WHEREAS, February 26, 2011 marks the 19th anniversary of the
29 Khojaly Tragedy; now, therefore,

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31 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
32 Jersey:

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34 1. The General Assembly hereby commemorates the 19th
35 anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy which occurred on February 26,
36 1992 and resulted in the needless loss of over 600 innocent lives.

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38 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the
39 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk of the
40 General Assembly, shall be transmitted to the United States
41 Department of State and the United States Ambassador to
42 Azerbaijan.

STATEMENT

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46 This resolution commemorates the Khojaly Tragedy which
47 occurred on February 26, 1992 in Khojaly, Azerbaijan. The tragedy
48 resulted in the death of over 600 people, the disabling of over 1,000

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1 civilians, and over 1,200 residents being taken hostage. Human
2 Rights Watch has placed responsibility for the civilian deaths with
3 Karabakh Armenian forces. While the active hostilities of the
4 Nagorno-Karabakh War between Azerbaijan and Armenia that
5 caused this tragedy have ended, the issues giving rise to the conflict
6 remain in dispute and Armenia still occupies the Nagorno-Karabakh
7 region. The United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic
8 Conference have both passed resolutions condemning Armenian
9 aggression in the area and calling on Armenia to respect Azerbaijan
10 borders. The Organization of the Islamic Conference has even
11 officially recognized the Khojaly tragedy as an act of genocide.
12 The General Assembly commemorates the events of February 26,
13 1992 in recognition that this is a great tragedy for the Republic of
14 Azerbaijan and Azeri people around the world.

THE U.S. STATE OF NEW MEXICO



January 28, 2013

HOUSE MEMORIAL 3

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO
- FIRST SESSION, 2013**

INTRODUCED BY

Debbie A. Rodella

A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KHOJALY TRAGEDY IN WHICH MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

WHEREAS, the Nagorno-Karabakh War, lasting from 1988 to 1994, was a conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and

WHEREAS, on February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the town of Khojaly in Azerbaijan, killing over six hundred innocent civilians, including many children, women and the elderly, wounding more than one thousand people and taking more than one thousand two hundred civilians captive; and

WHEREAS, many civilian bodies found in Khojaly after the fight were disfigured and mutilated, making this one of the most inhumane and barbaric battles of the war; and

WHEREAS, international organizations such as human rights watch documented the killings in Khojaly, major United States and international

news organizations reported on the horrific killings and numerous governments around the world have condemned the attack; and

WHEREAS, to this day, the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia continues, with Armenian forces occupying twenty percent of Azerbaijan's territory, including the Nagorno-Karabakh region and the surrounding seven districts; and

WHEREAS, resolutions condemning the occupation of Azerbaijan's territory by Armenian forces have been passed by the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this event in Khojaly is a sobering reminder of the terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication and tolerance among people the world over; and

WHEREAS, February 26, 2012 marks the twentieth anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the twentieth anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy, which occurred on February 26, 1992 and resulted in the needless loss of more than six hundred innocent lives, be commemorated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the United States congress, the United States department of state and the United States embassy in Azerbaijan.

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THE U.S. STATE OF OKLAHOMA



March 4, 2013

State of Oklahoma

1st Session of the 54 Legislative (2013)

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 3

By: Ivester

A Resolution commemorating the 21st anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Nagorno-Karabakh War, lasting from 1988 to 1994, was a conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and

WHEREAS, on February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the town of Khojaly in Azerbaijan, killing over 600 innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS, this event in Khojaly is a sobering reminder of the terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication and tolerance among people the world over; and

WHEREAS, February 26, 2013 marks the 21st anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commemorates the 21st anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy and the senseless loss of more than 600 innocent lives.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Azerbaijan.

THE U.S. STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA



House Resolution
March 18, 2013

PRINTER'S NO. 1199

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 171 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY MURT, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, DENLINGER,
GINGRICH, HENNESSEY, HESS, KORTZ, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, READSHAW
AND SONNEY, MARCH 18, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 18, 2013

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 21st anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre and honoring the life and memory of the victims of this horrific tragedy.

WHEREAS, February 26, 2013, marked the 21st anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan and the observance of this tragic date inspires reflection by individuals across the globe; and

WHEREAS, On February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, attacked and occupied the besieged town of Khojaly as part of the armed aggression and ethnic cleansing that had been taking place in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan since 1988; and

WHEREAS, When the residents of the town attempted to flee the area, they were fired on by the Armenian and Russian troops, resulting in the largest massacre of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that 613 civilians were killed, 150

civilians went missing, 487 civilians were wounded and 1,270 civilians were taken hostage; and

WHEREAS, The massacre was reported by major news organizations and has been viewed by the Human Rights Watch/Helsinki organization as a violation of customary law regarding the treatment of civilians in war zones; and

WHEREAS, This tragic event is a sobering reminder of the terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication and tolerance among people; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Azeris Network coordinates with Azerbaijani-American communities to educate others about important events in the history of Azerbaijan; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Azeris Network plays a pivotal role in preserving the memory of this terrible tragedy and through its efforts, the legacy of those who died will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting to honor the lives and memories of the victims of this horrific tragedy; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the 21st anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre and honor the life and memory of the victims of this horrific tragedy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of State, the United States embassy in Azerbaijan and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

House Resolution
February 24, 2015

PRINTER'S NO. 667

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. **109** Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, D. COSTA, McNEILL, HARHART, HENNESSEY,
V. BROWN, COHEN, HELM, DONATUCCI, WHEELAND, KIRKLAND, STURLA,
CALTAGIRONE, DAVIS, THOMAS, MILLARD AND GINGRICH,
FEBRUARY 24, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 24, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1Recognizing the 23rd anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre and
2honoring the life and memory of the victims of this
3horrific
4tragedy.

5WHEREAS, February 26, 2015, marks the 23rd anniversary of the
6Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan and the observance of this
7tragic
8date inspires reflection by individuals across the globe; and

9WHEREAS, On February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces,
10accompanied by Russian military troops, attacked and occupied
11the besieged town of Khojaly as part of the armed aggression
12and
13ethnic cleansing that had been taking place in the Nagorno-
14Karabakh region of Azerbaijan since 1988; and

15WHEREAS, When the residents of the town attempted to flee the
16area, they were fired on by the Armenian and Russian troops,

14resulting in the largest massacre of the Nagorno-Karabakh
15conflict; and
16WHEREAS, It is estimated that 613 civilians were killed, 150
17civilians went missing, 487 civilians were wounded and 1,270
18civilians were taken hostage; and
19WHEREAS, The massacre was reported by major news
20organizations and has been viewed by the Human Rights
21Watch/Helsinki organization as a violation of customary law
22regarding the treatment of civilians in war zones; and
23WHEREAS, This tragic event is a sobering reminder of the
24terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the
25enduring need for greater understanding, communication and
26tolerance among people; and
27WHEREAS, The U.S. Azeris Network coordinates with
28Azerbaijani-American communities to educate others about
29important events in the history of Azerbaijan; and
30WHEREAS, The U.S. Azeris Network plays a pivotal role in
31preserving the memory of this terrible tragedy and through its
32efforts, the legacy of those who died will never be forgotten;
33and
34WHEREAS, It is fitting to honor the lives and memories of the
35victims of this horrific tragedy; therefore be it
36RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
3723rd anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre and honor the life
38and
39memory of the victims of this horrific tragedy; and be it
40further
41RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
42the United States Department of State, the United States
43embassy
44in Azerbaijan and to each member of Congress from
45Pennsylvania.

THE U.S. STATE OF TENNESSEE



March 18, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION 48

By Towns

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary
of the Khojaly Tragedy

WHEREAS, the Nagorno-Karabach War, lasting from 1988 to 1994, was a conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and

WHEREAS, on February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the town of Khojaly in Azerbaijan; a large group of Azerbaijani people were attempting to evacuate the area when they were fired on by the Armenian and Russian soldiers; who eventually killed over six hundred innocent civilians, including many children, women, and elderly; more than an additional one thousand people were wounded and more than one thousand two hundred civilians were held captive; and

WHEREAS, numerous civilian bodies found in Khojaly after the fight were disfigured and mutilated, making this one of the most inhumane and merciless battles of the war; and

WHEREAS, international organizations such as Human Rights Watch documented the killings in Khojaly, major United States and international news organizations reported on the horrific killings, and numerous governments around the world have condemned the attack; and

WHEREAS, to this day, the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia continues, with Armenian forces occupying twenty percent of Azerbaijan's territory, including the Nagorno-Karabakh region and the surrounding seven districts; and

WHEREAS, resolutions condemning the occupation of Azerbaijan's territory by Armenian forces have been passed by the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this event in Khojaly is a sobering reminder of the terrible bloodshed that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication and tolerance among people the world over; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy in Azerbaijan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

HR0048
004358

THE U.S. STATE OF TEXAS



**Resolution of the House of Representatives
March 3, 2011**

The Texas House of Representatives passed a resolution drafted by the republican Jim Murphy on the 19th anniversary of Khojaly Genocide. The resolution says:

WHEREAS, February 26, 2011, marks the 19th anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan, and the observance of this somber date inspires reflection by individuals across the globe; and

WHEREAS, On February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the town of Khojaly as part of the bitter warfare that had been taking place in the Nagorno-Karabakh region since 1988; and

WHEREAS, When a large group of Azerbaijani civilians attempted to evacuate the area, they were fired on by the Armenian and Russian soldiers, resulting in the largest massacre of that bloody conflict; estimates of the exact number of people killed vary from 160 to as many as 1,000, with many women and children among the dead; and

WHEREAS, The massacre was reported by major news organizations and has been viewed by the Human Rights Watch/Helsinki organization as a violation of customary law regarding the treatment of civilians in war zones; moreover, numerous governments around the world have condemned the attack; and

WHEREAS, This tragic event is a sobering reminder of the terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication, and tolerance among people the world over; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas.

Legislature hereby commemorate the 19th anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan.

The document was signed by the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.



H.R. No. 535

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, February 26, 2011, marks the 19th anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan, and the observance of this somber date inspires reflection by individuals across the globe; and

WHEREAS, On February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the town of Khojaly as part of the bitter warfare that had been taking place in the Nagorno-Karabakh region since 1988; and

WHEREAS, When a large group of Azerbaijani civilians attempted to evacuate the area, they were fired on by the Armenian and Russian soldiers, resulting in the largest massacre of that bloody conflict; estimates of the exact number of people killed vary from 160 to as many as 1,000, with many women and children among the dead; and

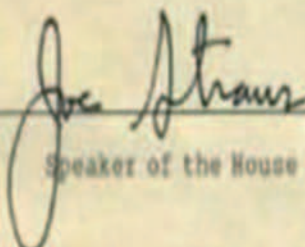
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WHEREAS, This tragic event is a sobering reminder of the terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication, and tolerance among people the world over; now, therefore, be it

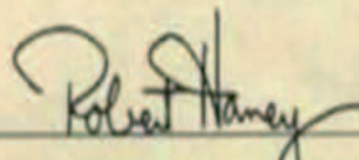
RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 19th anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan.

Murphy

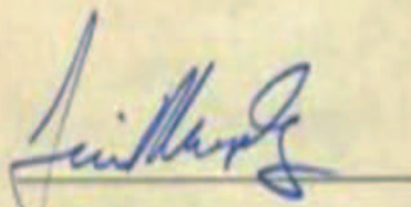
H.R. No. 535


Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 535 was adopted by the House on March 3,
2011, by a non-record vote.


Chief Clerk of the House




Jim Murphy
State Representative
District 133

THE U.S. STATE OF UTAH



Message by the Governor
March 2, 2015



State of Utah

GARY R. HERBERT
Governor

SPENCER J. COX
Lieutenant Governor

Office of the Governor

March 2, 2015

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I express our sympathy to the people from Azerbaijan living in Utah and around the world, as you observe the 23rd anniversary of the Khojaly massacre and honor the 600 men, women, and children who were killed.

This tragic event is a sobering reminder of the atrocities that can be committed in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication, and tolerance among people from different religious, racial, ethnic, national, and cultural backgrounds.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

THE U.S. STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA



**Resolution of the House of Representative
April 3, 2013**

NO. 104

(By Delegates Walters, Ambler, Anderson, Arvon, Ashley, Barill, Border, Canterbury, Cowles, Eldridge, Ellem, Evans, D., Ferns, Hamilton, Hamrick, Hunt, Iaquina, Marcum, McCuskey, Nelson, E., Pasdon, Raines, Shott, Smith, R., Storch, Stowers and Sumner)

Recognizing the many contributions made by citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan and that it is in the best interest of the State of West Virginia to promote relationships with the Azerbaijani people.

WHEREAS, February 26, 2013, marks the twenty-first anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan and the observance of this somber date inspires reflection by individuals across the globe; and

WHEREAS, On February 25 and February 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the town of Khojaly as part of the bitter warfare that had been taking place in the Nagorno-Karabakh region since 1988; and

WHEREAS, When a large group of Azerbaijani civilians attempted to evacuate the area, they were fired on by the Armenian and Russian soldiers, resulting in the largest massacre of that bloody conflict; estimates of the exact number of people killed vary from 160 to as many as 1,000, with many women and children among the dead; and

WHEREAS, The massacre was reported by major news organizations and has been viewed by the Human Rights Watch as a violation of customary law

regarding the treatment of civilians in war zones and numerous governments around the world have condemned the attack; and

WHEREAS, This tragic event is a sobering reminder of the terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication and tolerance among people the world over; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Azerbaijan and the United States of America are long- standing allies, both dearly cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

WHEREAS, The State of West Virginia and the Republic of Azerbaijan enjoy a strong, vibrant and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the prospect of further growth; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of the State of West Virginia to welcome all who come to our state especially those who come in the interest of friendship and commerce; and

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the West Virginia Legislature to recognize the contributions of our allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with the allies of the State of West Virginia, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Azerbaijan and the value of our positive relationship with this ally; therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF WEST VIRGINIA: That the Legislature of West Virginia recognizes the many contributions made by the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan and that it is in the best interest of the State of West Virginia to promote relationships with Azerbaijan; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Secretary of State of the United States Department of State, the West Virginia Congressional Delegation, and Richard L. Morningstar, the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION



RESOLUTION

adopted by the 42nd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers

27-28 May 2015, Kuwait, State of Kuwait

OIC /CFM-42/2015/CS/Res/final

Resolution № 8/42-C

The Forty Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Kuwait, State of Kuwait, on 27-28 May 2015

8. Appreciates the activities of ICYF-DC in promoting the program of “The OIC Memorial Day for commemoration of humanitarian catastrophes of Muslim communities throughout the Twentieth century”, including partnership with ISESCO and Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States to this end and calls upon the Member States to actively take part in the program; welcomes “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign initiated in the framework of the “OIC Memorial Day Program” and aimed at disseminating of historical truth on the mass massacre of Azerbaijani civilians perpetrated by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly (the Republic of Azerbaijan) in February 1992, which constitutes the crime against humanity; and calls upon Member States and OIC institutions to support and actively participate in the events of the Campaign and exert due efforts for recognition on national and International levels of this genocidal act as crime against humanity as well as for bringing to justice the perpetrators; Endorses the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation signed between ICYF-DC and the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States envisaging cooperation between two institutions in the fields of common interest, including cooperation on “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign in the framework of the “OIC Memorial Day” initiative.



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