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HOUSE MEMORIAL 3

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

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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

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1 watch documented the killings in Khojaly, major United States
2 and international news organizations reported on the horrific
3 killings and numerous governments around the world have
4 condemned the attack; and

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

10 WHEREAS, resolutions condemning the occupation of
11 Azerbaijan's territory by Armenian forces have been passed by
12 the United Nations security council and the United Nations
13 general assembly; and

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

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the twentieth
22 anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy, which occurred on February
23 26, 1992 and resulted in the needless loss of more than six
24 hundred innocent lives, be commemorated; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the United States congress, the United States
2 department of state and the United States embassy in
3 Azerbaijan.

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