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The Member of the US California Assembly Recognizes Khojaly Massacre (25 March 2009)

Fuentes sent a letter to the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev on Khojaly massacre "I am joining Azerbaijani-Americans and the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan as they mourn victims of the Khojaly tragedy, which took place on February 26, 1992. On that day, over 613 Azerbaijani civilians lost their lives and hundreds more were injured in what the Human Rights Watch described as "the worst massacre to date" in the war between neighboring Armenia and Azerbaijan. International eyewitness accounts state that the attack on Khojaly was carried out jointly by Armenian forces and Russian troops based in the region. Peaceful resolution of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict and justice for perpetrators of war crimes are important for ending violence against civilians throughout the world. I support the efforts of the U.S. State Department to bring about peaceful solutions to the existing conflicts in the Caucasus and express my condolences to the families of Khojaly", Fuentes said in his letter. Assembly member Felipe Fuentes made this statement not conceding to the pressure of local Armenian Diaspora and pro-Armenian legislators.