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SENATE MEMORIAL 19

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

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A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-FIRST 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 twenty-first
19 anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy;

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