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CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE ARMENIA-
AZERBAIJAN NAGORNO-KARABAKH CONFLICT.

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WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan is in the South
Caucasus region bordering Iran, the Russian Federation and
Central Asia; and

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WHEREAS, the United States of America and the Republic of
Azerbaijan established diplomatic relations on February 28,
1992; and

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WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, the United States of
America and the Republic of Azerbaijan expanded their
partnership and developed multifaceted cooperation on issues
ranging from energy security, to the fight against
international terrorism, to efforts against drug and human
trafficking, to nonproliferation of weapons of mass

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destruction; and

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WHEREAS, United States Secretary of State John Kerry stated on June 3, 2013 that "Azerbaijan has been an important partner in Afghanistan, in ISAF, and equally important with respect to the northern distribution route but also the southern gas line and other issues that are of great importance to us"; and

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WHEREAS, over the past decades, the Republic of Azerbaijan has succeeded in rebuilding its economy, has tripled its gross domestic product, is currently one of the rapidly developing economies globally and accounts for eighty percent of the gross domestic product of the South Caucasus region and is the biggest United States trade partner in the South Caucasus; and

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WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan initiated a number of strategically important trans-regional energy and transportation projects such as the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline, the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum gas pipeline and the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway, which contribute to the prosperity of not only the Republic of Azerbaijan, but also to regional allies of the United States of America like Turkey and Georgia; and

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WHEREAS, despite these positive developments, persistent protracted conflicts in the South Caucasus continue to threaten regional peace and stability and impede further development of regional cooperation for the benefit of all three countries of

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the South Caucasus;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the strategic partnership between the
United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan be
supported; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States department
of state be requested to support efforts to achieve a swift and
just settlement of the conflict; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the Office of the Governor, the Secretary of
Cultural Affairs and the United States Secretary of State.

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