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8   RECOGNIZING THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE KHOJALY

9   TRAGEDY IN AZERBAIJAN.

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11   WHEREAS, the Nagorno-Karabakh War, lasting from 1988

12 to 1994, was a conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and

13   WHEREAS, on February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed

14 forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the

15 town of Khojaly in Azerbaijan, killing over 600 innocent

16 civilians including many children, women and elderly, wounding

17 over 1,000 and taking over 1,200 civilians; and

18   WHEREAS, many civilian bodies found in Khojaly after

19 the fight were disfigured and mutilated, making this one of

20 the most inhumane and barbaric battles of the war; and

21   WHEREAS, international organizations such as Human

22 Rights Watch documented these killings; moreover, major U.S.

23 and international news organizations reported about the

24 killings with horror and numerous governments around the world

25 have condemned the attack; and

26   WHEREAS, to this day, the conflict between

27 Azerbaijan and Armenia continues with Armenian forces

1   occupying 20 percent of Azerbaijan's territory including the

2   Nagorno-Karabakh region and surrounding seven districts; and

3   WHEREAS, resolutions condemning the occupation of

4   Azerbaijan's territory by Armenian forces have been passed by

5   the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly; and

6   WHEREAS, this tragic event is a sobering reminder of

7   the terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the

8   enduring need for greater understanding, communication and

9   tolerance among people the world over; and

10   WHEREAS, February 26, 2014, marks the 22nd

11   Anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy; now therefore,

12   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF

13   THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the 22nd Anniversary of the

14   Khojaly Tragedy in Azerbaijan is hereby commemorated, and that

15   a copy of this resolution shall be provided for appropriate

16   display.