

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION TO REINVIGORATE
3 ITS EFFORTS AIMED AT A SWIFT RESOLUTION OF THE
4 ARMENIA-AZERBAIJAN NAGORNO-KARABAKH CONFLICT.

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6 WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan is a strategic
7 partner with the United States of America in a strategically
8 important South Caucasus region bordering Iran, the Russian
9 Federation and Central Asia; and

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

13 WHEREAS, the United States of America supports the
14 independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the
15 Republic of Azerbaijan; and

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

23 WHEREAS, United States Secretary of State John Kerry
24 stated on June 3, 2013 that "Azerbaijan has been an important
25 partner in Afghanistan, in ISAF, and equally important with

1 respect to the northern distribution route but also the
2 southern gas line and other issues that are of great
3 importance to us"; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, despite these positive developments, persistent
20 protracted conflicts in the South Caucasus, including the
21 Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, continue to
22 threaten regional peace and stability and impede further
23 development of regional cooperation for the benefit of all
24 three countries of the South Caucasus; and

25 WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of

1 Armenia and the Russian Federation, on November 2, 2008,
2 adopted a joint declaration in which they stated that the
3 political settlement of the conflict, on the basis of
4 international law, will create favorable conditions for
5 economic development and comprehensive cooperation in the
6 region; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States of America, France and the
8 Russian Federation are Co-Chairs of the Organization for
9 Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group, tasked to
10 facilitate negotiations between the Republic of Armenia and
11 the Republic of Azerbaijan toward a political settlement of
12 the conflict based on the principles and norms of
13 international law and the decisions and documents adopted by
14 the Organization for Security and Cooperation and the
15 applicable United Nations Security Council resolutions; and

16 WHEREAS, United States President Barack Obama, on
17 August 5, 2013, appointed Ambassador James B. Warlick, Jr.,
18 as the next United States Co-Chair of the Organization for
19 Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group; and

20 WHEREAS, the international community, including the
21 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk
22 Group Co-Chair countries, has stated on a number of occasions
23 that it supports the territorial integrity of the Republic of
24 Azerbaijan and does not recognize Nagorno-Karabakh as an
25 independent entity; and

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations Security Council in its
2 resolutions 822, 853, 874 and 884 reaffirmed support for the
3 sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of
4 Azerbaijan and demanded the immediate, complete and
5 unconditional withdrawal of all Armenian forces from all of
6 the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan; and

7 WHEREAS, the international community, including such
8 international organizations as the North Atlantic Treaty
9 Organization, the United Nations, the Organization of Islamic
10 Cooperation and the Non-Aligned Movement, reaffirmed support
11 for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic
12 of Azerbaijan and recognized that the conflict should be
13 resolved on the basis of the sovereignty and territorial
14 integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan within its
15 internationally recognized borders;

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

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States
21 administration be requested to reinvigorate efforts aimed at
22 a swift and just political settlement of the
23 Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the Office of the Governor, the Secretary

1 of Cultural Affairs and the United States Secretary of

2 State. _____

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