

1 A MEMORIAL

2 COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE KHOJALY
3 TRAGEDY IN WHICH MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE KILLED.
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5 WHEREAS, the Nagorno-Karabakh War, lasting from 1988 to
6 1994, was a conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and

7 WHEREAS, on February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed
8 forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the
9 town of Khojaly in Azerbaijan, killing over six hundred
10 innocent civilians, including many children, women and the
11 elderly, wounding more than one thousand people and taking
12 more than one thousand two hundred civilians captive; and

13 WHEREAS, many civilian bodies found in Khojaly after the
14 fight were disfigured and mutilated, making this one of the
15 most inhumane and barbaric battles of the war; and

16 WHEREAS, international organizations such as human
17 rights watch documented the killings in Khojaly, major
18 United States and international news organizations reported
19 on the horrific killings and numerous governments around the
20 world have condemned the attack; and

21 WHEREAS, to this day, the conflict between Azerbaijan
22 and Armenia continues, with Armenian forces occupying twenty
23 percent of Azerbaijan's territory, including the
24 Nagorno-Karabakh region and the surrounding seven districts;
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1 WHEREAS, resolutions condemning the occupation of
2 Azerbaijan's territory by Armenian forces have been passed by
3 the United Nations security council and the United Nations
4 general assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, this event in Khojaly is a sobering reminder of
6 the terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the
7 enduring need for greater understanding, communication and
8 tolerance among people the world over; and

9 WHEREAS, February 26, 2013 marks the twenty-first
10 anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the twenty-first anniversary of the
13 Khojaly tragedy, which occurred on February 26, 1992 and
14 resulted in the needless loss of more than six hundred
15 innocent lives, be commemorated; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the United States congress, the United States
18 department of state and the United States embassy in
19 Azerbaijan.
