

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 107

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SYNOPSIS

Commemorates 22nd anniversary of Khojaly Tragedy.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION commemorating the 22nd anniversary
2 of the Khojaly Tragedy in which more than 600 people were
3 killed.

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5 WHEREAS, The Nagorno-Karabakh War, lasting from 1988 to 1994,
6 was a conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia over the disputed
7 region of Nagorno-Karabakh; and

8 WHEREAS, As part of that conflict, on February 26, 1992 in Khojaly,
9 Azerbaijan, over 600 people were killed, over 1,000 disabled, and
10 over 1,200 civilians were taken hostage by Karabakh Armenian
11 forces; and

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

15 WHEREAS, International organizations such as Human Rights Watch
16 documented these killings and attributed responsibility for them to
17 Karabakh Armenian forces; and

18 WHEREAS, To this day the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia
19 continues, with Armenian forces occupying Azerbaijan territory in
20 the Nagorno-Karabakh region; and

21 WHEREAS, Resolutions against Armenian aggression towards
22 Azerbaijan, and the occupation of the Nagorno-Karabakh region by
23 Armenian forces have been passed by the United Nations General
24 Assembly and by the Organization of the Islamic Conference; and

25 WHEREAS, February 26, 2014 marks the 22nd anniversary of the
26 Khojaly tragedy; and

27 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Associations coordinates
28 with Azerbaijani-American communities to educate other
29 communities about the significance of this day and other important
30 events in the history of Azerbaijan; and

31 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Associations plays a
32 pivotal role in preserving the memory of this terrible tragedy and
33 through its efforts, the legacy of those who died will never be
34 forgotten; and

35 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for this House to honor the lives and
36 memories of the victims of the horrific Khojaly Tragedy; now,
37 therefore,

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39 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New
40 Jersey:

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42 1. The General Assembly hereby commemorates the 22nd
43 anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy which occurred on February 26,
44 1992 and resulted in the needless loss of over 600 innocent lives.

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46 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
47 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the

1 United States Department of State, the United States Ambassador to
2 Azerbaijan and the Council of Turkic American Associations.

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STATEMENT

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7 This resolution commemorates the Khojaly Tragedy which
8 occurred on February 26, 1992 in Khojaly, Azerbaijan. The tragedy
9 resulted in the death of over 600 people, the disabling of over 1,000
10 civilians, and over 1,200 residents being taken hostage. Human
11 Rights Watch has placed responsibility for the civilian deaths with
12 Karabakh Armenian forces.

13 While the active hostilities of the Nagorno-Karabakh War
14 between Azerbaijan and Armenia that caused this tragedy have
15 ended, the issues giving rise to the conflict remain in dispute and
16 Armenia still occupies the Nagorno-Karabakh region. The United
17 Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference have both
18 passed resolutions condemning Armenian aggression in the area and
19 calling on Armenia to respect Azerbaijan borders.

20 The resolution recognizes that this event was a great tragedy for
21 the Republic of Azerbaijan and Azeri people around the world.