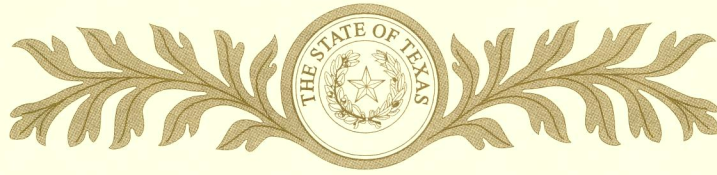


# The State of Texas



## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The 23rd anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan is being observed on February 26, 2015, offering an opportunity for people around the globe to reflect on this tragic incident; and

WHEREAS, The massacre took place as part of the warfare that raged in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan from 1988 until 1994; on February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the town of Khojaly; and

WHEREAS, During the occupation, a large group of Azerbaijani civilians attempted to flee the town, and they were fired on by the Armenian and Russian soldiers; the result was the largest massacre of the violent Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; though estimates vary, it is believed that at least 160 people perished, many of them women and children, and the number of dead may have reached as high as 1,000; and

WHEREAS, Major news outlets reported this horrific event, and groups such as Human Rights Watch/Helsinki and the Memorial Human Rights Center have condemned the event as a violation of customary law regarding the treatment of civilians in war zones; moreover, numerous national and state governments have focused attention on the violence; in 2013, the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas Legislature commemorated the 21st anniversary of the massacre with the passage of House Resolution No. 565; and

WHEREAS, The anniversary of this terrible tragedy serves as a time to remember the victims and their families; moreover, it is a grim reminder of the devastation that can take place in wartime and the continuing need to promote dialog and tolerance as a means of avoiding violent conflict; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 23rd anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan be commemorated.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Wu".

Gene Wu  
State Representative  
District 137