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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing February 26, 2014,  
2 as the 22nd Anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy in Azerbaijan.

3 *Whereas, The Nagorno-Karabakh War, lasting from 1988*  
4 *to 1994, was a conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan;*

5 *Whereas, On February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed*  
6 *forces occupied the town of Khojaly in Azerbaijan, killing more*  
7 *than 600 innocent civilians, many of whom were women and*  
8 *children;*

9 *Whereas, Non-partisan, non-governmental organizations*  
10 *such as Human Rights Watch have viewed these killings as a*  
11 *violation of customary law regarding the treatment of civilians*  
12 *in war zones; moreover, numerous governments around the*  
13 *world have condemned the attack;*

14 *Whereas, To this day, the conflict between Azerbaijan and*  
15 *Armenia continues, with Armenian forces occupying Azerbaijan*  
16 *territory in the Nagorno-Karabakh region;*

17 *Whereas, Resolutions condemning the continued*  
18 *occupation of Azerbaijan's territory by Armenian forces have*

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1 *been passed by the United Nations Security Council and*  
2 *General Assembly;*

3 *Whereas, The United States Department of State has*  
4 *acknowledged that only a lasting and peaceful settlement can*  
5 *bring about stability, prosperity, and reconciliation in the*  
6 *region;*

7 *Whereas, This tragic event serves as a sobering reminder*  
8 *of the immeasurable loss caused by war and of the enduring*  
9 *need for greater understanding, communication, and tolerance*  
10 *among people the world over; and*

11 *Whereas, The Indiana Senate recognizes that foreign policy*  
12 *falls within the purview of the Federal Government: Therefore,*

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
14 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

15 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate hereby recognizes February  
16 26, 2014, as the 22nd Anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy in  
17 Azerbaijan, which resulted in the deaths of more than 600 civilians.

18 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
19 transmit copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States,  
20 the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives,  
21 the United States Department of State, the United States Ambassador  
22 to the Republic of Azerbaijan, and the Ambassador of the Republic of  
23 Azerbaijan to the United States.

