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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC'S
CONTINUING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AS A FREE AND INDEPENDENT
NATION AND ITS CONSTRUCTIVE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS TO REACH A JUST AND
LASTING SOLUTION TO SECURITY ISSUES IN THAT STRATEGICALLY
IMPORTANT REGION.

1 WHEREAS, Nagorno-Karabakh, also known as Artsakh, has
2 historically been Armenian territory, populated by an
3 overwhelming majority of Armenians, and yet was illegally
4 severed from Armenia by the Soviet Union in 1921 and placed
5 under the newly created Soviet Azerbaijani administration; and
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7 WHEREAS, February 20, 1988, marked the beginning of the
8 national liberation movement in Nagorno-Karabakh, which inspired
9 people throughout the Soviet Union to stand up against tyranny
10 for their rights and freedoms, helping to bring democracy to
11 millions and contributing to world peace; and
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13 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has repeatedly
14 expressed support for the legitimate aspirations for freedom of
15 the people of Nagorno-Karabakh; and
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17 WHEREAS, on September 2, 1991, in accordance with its
18 enacted law, the legislature of Nagorno-Karabakh declared the
19 formation of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic; and
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21 WHEREAS, on December 10, 1991, the people of the Nagorno-
22 Karabakh Republic voted in favor of independence, and on
23 January 6, 1992, the democratically elected legislature of the
24 republic formally declared independence; and
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26 WHEREAS, since proclaiming its independence, the Nagorno-
27 Karabakh Republic has registered significant progress in
28 democracy building, which was demonstrated through many
29 elections and most recently during the July 19, 2012



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1 presidential elections that were assessed by international
2 observers as free and transparent; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that this body encourages
7 and supports the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic's continuing efforts
8 to develop as a free and independent nation in order to
9 guarantee its citizens those rights inherent in a free and
10 independent society; and

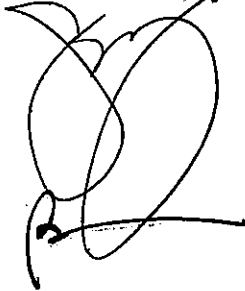
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the President
13 and United States Congress to support the self-determination and
14 democratic independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and its
15 constructive involvement with the international community's
16 efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to security issues
17 in that strategically important region; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
21 United States, Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
22 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's
23 congressional delegation, and the Governor of the State of
24 Hawaii.

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