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HOUSE RESOLUTION      **6**

A RESOLUTION      recognizing February 26, 2015, as the 23rd Anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy in Azerbaijan.

SPONSORS:              Rep. Tucker, Rock 23

COMMITTEE:            Legislative Administration

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ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 26, 2015, as the 23rd Anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy in Azerbaijan.

1 Whereas, on February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces occupied the town of Khojaly in  
2 Azerbaijan, killing more than 600 innocent civilians, many of whom were women and children; and

3 Whereas, nonpartisan, nongovernmental organizations such as Human Rights Watch have  
4 viewed these killings as a violation of customary law regarding the treatment of civilians in war  
5 zones; moreover, numerous governments around the world have condemned the attack; and

6 Whereas, to this day, the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia continues, with Armenian  
7 forces occupying Azerbaijan territory in the Nagorno-Karabakh region; and

8 Whereas, resolutions condemning the continued occupation of Azerbaijan's territory by Armenian  
9 forces have been passed by the United Nations Security Counsel and General Assembly; and

10 Whereas, the United States Department of State has acknowledged that only a lasting and  
11 peaceful settlement can bring about stability, prosperity, and reconciliation in the region; and

12 Whereas, this tragic event serves as a sobering reminder of the immeasurable loss caused by war  
13 and of the enduring need for greater understanding, communication, and tolerance among people the  
14 world over; and

15 Whereas, the New Hampshire house of representatives recognizes that foreign policy falls within  
16 the purview of the federal government; now therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

18 That the New Hampshire house of representatives hereby recognizes February 26, 2015, as the  
19 23rd anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy in Azerbaijan, which resulted in the deaths of more than  
20 600 civilians; and

21 That the clerk of the house of representatives is hereby directed to transmit copies of this  
22 resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Senate, the United States House  
23 of Representatives, the United States Department of State, the United States Ambassador to the  
24 Republic of Azerbaijan, and the Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United States.