

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, February 26, 2013, marks the 21st anniversary of the  
2 Khojaly Massacre in Azerbaijan, and the observance of this somber  
3 date inspires reflection by individuals across the globe; and

4           WHEREAS, On February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed forces,  
5 accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the town of  
6 Khojaly as part of the bitter warfare that had been taking place in  
7 the Nagorno-Karabakh region since 1988; and

8           WHEREAS, When a large group of Azerbaijani civilians  
9 attempted to evacuate the area, they were fired on by the Armenian  
10 and Russian soldiers, resulting in the largest massacre of that  
11 bloody conflict; estimates of the exact number of people killed  
12 vary from 160 to as many as 1,000, with many women and children  
13 among the dead; and

14           WHEREAS, The massacre was reported by major news  
15 organizations and has been viewed by the Human Rights  
16 Watch/Helsinki organization as a violation of customary law  
17 regarding the treatment of civilians in war zones; moreover,  
18 numerous governments around the world have condemned the attack;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, This tragic event is a sobering reminder of the  
21 terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring  
22 need for greater understanding, communication, and tolerance among  
23 people the world over; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Khojaly  
2 Massacre in Azerbaijan.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 565 was adopted by the House on March 7, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House