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CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION TO REINVIGORATE ITS

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EFFORTS AIMED AT A SWIFT RESOLUTION OF THE ARMENIA-AZERBAIJAN

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NAGORNO-KARABAKH CONFLICT.

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WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan is a strategic partner

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with the United States of America in a strategically important

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South Caucasus region bordering Iran, the Russian Federation

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and Central Asia; and

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WHEREAS, the United States of America and the Republic of

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Azerbaijan established diplomatic relations on February 28,

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1992; and

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WHEREAS, the United States of America supports the

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independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the

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Republic of Azerbaijan; and

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WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, the United States of

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America and the Republic of Azerbaijan expanded their
partnership and developed multifaceted cooperation on issues
ranging from energy security, to the fight against
international terrorism, to efforts against drug and human
trafficking, to nonproliferation of weapons of mass
destruction; and

WHEREAS, United States Secretary of State John Kerry
stated on June 3, 2013 that "Azerbaijan has been an important
partner in Afghanistan, in ISAF, and equally important with
respect to the northern distribution route but also the
southern gas line and other issues that are of great importance
to us"; and

WHEREAS, over the past decades, the Republic of Azerbaijan
has succeeded in rebuilding its economy, has tripled its gross
domestic product, is currently one of the rapidly developing
economies globally and accounts for eighty percent of the gross
domestic product of the South Caucasus region and is the
biggest United States trade partner in the South Caucasus; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan initiated a number of
strategically important trans-regional energy and
transportation projects such as the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil
pipeline, the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum gas pipeline and the
Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway, which contribute to the prosperity
of not only the Republic of Azerbaijan, but also to regional
allies of the United States of America like Turkey and Georgia;

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and

WHEREAS, despite these positive developments, persistent protracted conflicts in the South Caucasus, including the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, continue to threaten regional peace and stability and impede further development of regional cooperation for the benefit of all three countries of the South Caucasus; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Armenia and the Russian Federation, on November 2, 2008, adopted a joint declaration in which they stated that the political settlement of the conflict, on the basis of international law, will create favorable conditions for economic development and comprehensive cooperation in the region; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, France and the Russian Federation are Co-Chairs of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group, tasked to facilitate negotiations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan toward a political settlement of the conflict based on the principles and norms of international law and the decisions and documents adopted by the Organization for Security and Cooperation and the applicable United Nations Security Council resolutions; and

WHEREAS, United States President Barack Obama, on August 5, 2013, appointed Ambassador James B. Warlick, Jr., as the

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next United States Co-Chair of the Organization for Security
and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group; and

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WHEREAS, the international community, including the
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group
Co-Chair countries, has stated on a number of occasions that it
supports the territorial integrity of the Republic of
Azerbaijan and does not recognize Nagorno-Karabakh as an
independent entity; and

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WHEREAS, the United Nations Security Council in its
resolutions 822, 853, 874 and 884 reaffirmed support for the
sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of
Azerbaijan and demanded the immediate, complete and
unconditional withdrawal of all Armenian forces from all of the
occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan; and

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WHEREAS, the international community, including such
international organizations as the North Atlantic Treaty
Organization, the United Nations, the Organization of Islamic
Cooperation and the Non-Aligned Movement, reaffirmed support
for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic
of Azerbaijan and recognized that the conflict should be
resolved on the basis of the sovereignty and territorial
integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan within its
internationally recognized borders;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the strategic partnership between the

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United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan be
supported; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States
administration be requested to reinvigorate efforts aimed at a
swift and just political settlement of the Armenia-Azerbaijan
Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the Office of the Governor, the Secretary of
Cultural Affairs and the United States Secretary of State.

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