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LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

**AJR-32 The Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.** (2013-2014)

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2013–2014 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Gatto**

**January 06, 2014**

Relative to the Nagorno-**Karabakh** Republic.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AJR 32, as introduced, Gatto. The Nagorno-**Karabakh** Republic.

This measure would encourage and support the Nagorno-**Karabakh** Republic's continuation as a free and independent nation, and urge the President and Congress of the United States to support the self-determination and democratic independence of the Nagorno-**Karabakh** Republic and its involvement with the international community's efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to this strategically important region.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Nagorno-**Karabakh**, also known as Artsakh, has historically been Armenian territory with an overwhelming majority of Armenians, and yet was illegally severed from Armenia in 1921 and placed under the newly created Soviet Azerbaijani administration; and

WHEREAS, February 20, 1988, marked the beginning of the national liberation movement in **Karabakh**, which inspired people throughout the Soviet Union to stand up against tyrannical rule, helping to bring democracy to millions and contributing to world peace; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress has repeatedly expressed support for the leg

freedom of the people of Nagorno-**Karabakh**, and on September 2, 1991, in accordance with the legislature of Nagorno-**Karabakh** declared formation of the Nagorno-**Karabakh** Republic.

WHEREAS, On December 10, 1991, the people of the Nagorno-**Karabakh** Republic declared independence, and on January 6, 1992, the democratically elected legislature of the Republic declared independence; and

WHEREAS, Since proclaiming independence, the Nagorno-**Karabakh** Republic has made progress in democracy building, which was most recently demonstrated during the July 2009 elections that were assessed by the international observers as free and transparent; and

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature hereby encourages and supports the Nagorno-**Karabakh** Republic's continuing efforts to become an independent nation in order to guarantee its citizens those rights inherent in a free and democratic society and be it further

Resolved, That the California State Legislature urges the President and Congress to support the self-determination and democratic independence of the Nagorno-**Karabakh** Republic in its constructive involvement with the international community's efforts to reach a just and lasting resolution to the security issues in that strategically important region; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the California delegation to the Congress of the United States, and to the Secretary of State.