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3 By Representative Scott
4 RFD: Rules
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8 RECOGNIZING THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE KHOJALY
9 TRAGEDY IN AZERBAIJAN.
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11 WHEREAS, the Nagorno-Karabakh War, lasting from 1988
12 to 1994, was a conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and

13 WHEREAS, on February 25 and 26, 1992, Armenian armed
14 forces, accompanied by Russian military troops, occupied the
15 town of Khojaly in Azerbaijan, killing over 600 innocent
16 civilians including many children, women and elderly, wounding
17 over 1,000 and taking over 1,200 civilians; and

18 WHEREAS, many civilian bodies found in Khojaly after
19 the fight were disfigured and mutilated, making this one of
20 the most inhumane and barbaric battles of the war; and

21 WHEREAS, international organizations such as Human
22 Rights Watch documented these killings; moreover, major U.S.
23 and international news organizations reported about the
24 killings with horror and numerous governments around the world
25 have condemned the attack; and

26 WHEREAS, to this day, the conflict between
27 Azerbaijan and Armenia continues with Armenian forces

1 occupying 20 percent of Azerbaijan's territory including the
2 Nagorno-Karabakh region and surrounding seven districts; and

3 WHEREAS, resolutions condemning the occupation of
4 Azerbaijan's territory by Armenian forces have been passed by
5 the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, this tragic event is a sobering reminder of
7 the terrible carnage that can be inflicted in wartime and the
8 enduring need for greater understanding, communication and
9 tolerance among people the world over; and

10 WHEREAS, February 26, 2014, marks the 22nd
11 Anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the 22nd Anniversary of the
14 Khojaly Tragedy in Azerbaijan is hereby commemorated, and that
15 a copy of this resolution shall be provided for appropriate
16 display.