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## SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC'S  
CONTINUING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AS A FREE AND INDEPENDENT  
NATION AND ITS CONSTRUCTIVE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS TO REACH A JUST AND  
LASTING SOLUTION TO SECURITY ISSUES IN THAT STRATEGICALLY  
IMPORTANT REGION.

1 WHEREAS, Nagorno-Karabakh, also known as Artsakh, has  
2 historically been Armenian territory, populated by an  
3 overwhelming majority of Armenians, and yet was illegally  
4 severed from Armenia by the Soviet Union in 1921 and placed  
5 under the newly created Soviet Azerbaijani administration; and  
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7 WHEREAS, February 20, 1988, marked the beginning of the  
8 national liberation movement in Nagorno-Karabakh, which inspired  
9 people throughout the Soviet Union to stand up against tyranny  
10 for their rights and freedoms, helping to bring democracy to  
11 millions and contributing to world peace; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has repeatedly  
14 expressed support for the legitimate aspirations for freedom of  
15 the people of Nagorno-Karabakh; and  
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17 WHEREAS, on September 2, 1991, in accordance with its  
18 enacted law, the legislature of Nagorno-Karabakh declared the  
19 formation of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic; and  
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21 WHEREAS, on December 10, 1991, the people of the Nagorno-  
22 Karabakh Republic voted in favor of independence, and on  
23 January 6, 1992, the democratically elected legislature of the  
24 republic formally declared independence; and  
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26 WHEREAS, since proclaiming its independence, the Nagorno-  
27 Karabakh Republic has registered significant progress in  
28 democracy building, which was demonstrated through many  
29 elections and most recently during the July 19, 2012  
30 presidential elections that were assessed by international  
31 observers as free and transparent; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,  
3 that this body encourages and supports the Nagorno-Karabakh  
4 Republic's continuing efforts to develop as a free and  
5 independent nation in order to guarantee its citizens those  
6 rights inherent in a free and independent society; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the President  
9 and United States Congress to support the self-determination and  
10 democratic independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and its  
11 constructive involvement with the international community's  
12 efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to security issues  
13 in that strategically important region; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
17 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Speaker of the  
18 United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's congressional  
19 delegation, and the Governor of the State of Hawaii.  
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