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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY SENATOR MURRAY

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. Expresses support for the Nagorno Karabakh Republic's efforts to develop as a free and independent nation.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express support for the Nagorno Karabakh Republic's efforts to develop as a free and
3 independent nation.

4 WHEREAS, Nagorno Karabakh, also known as Artsakh, has historically been
5 Armenian territory, populated by an overwhelming majority of Armenians, which was
6 illegally severed from Armenia by the Soviet Union in 1921 and placed under the newly
7 created Soviet Azerbaijani administration; and

8 WHEREAS, February 20, 1988, marked the beginning of the national liberation
9 movement in Nagorno Karabakh, which inspired people throughout the Soviet Union to
10 stand up against tyranny and for their rights and freedoms, helping to bring democracy to
11 millions and contributing to world peace; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Senate Congress has repeatedly expressed support for
13 the legitimate freedom aspirations of the people of Nagorno Karabakh; and

14 WHEREAS, on September 2, 1991, the legislature of Nagorno Karabakh declared
15 formation of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, in accordance with then acting legislation;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, on December 10, 1991, the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic
18 voted in favor of the independence, and on January 6, 1992, the democratically elected

1 legislature of the Republic formally declared independence; and

2 WHEREAS, since proclaiming independence, the Nagorno Karabakh Republic has
3 registered significant progress in democracy building, which has been most recently
4 demonstrated during the July 19, 2012, Presidential elections that were assessed by
5 international observers as free and transparent.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7 hereby encourages and supports the Nagorno Karabakh Republic's continuing efforts to
8 develop as a free and independent nation in order to guarantee its citizens those rights
9 inherent in a free and independent society.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Congress of the United States
11 of America are hereby urged to support the self-determination and democratic independence
12 of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and its constructive involvement with the international
13 community's efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to security issues in that strategically
14 important region.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 President of the United States, the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the
17 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to
18 the United States Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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