

House Resolution 1580

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th and Douglas of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and recognizing the Nagorno Karabakh Republic; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Nagorno Karabakh Republic has a long and storied history, holding a
3 cherished place in the Armenian people's history and culture; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Nagorno Karabakh Republic declared its independence on December 10,
5 1991, after a long struggle that in some respects continues to this day, and the persistent
6 demand for self-determination was an inspiration to people of many nationalities in the
7 region, becoming one of the catalysts for the breakup of the former Soviet Union; and
- 8 WHEREAS, through the course of the last two decades, the people of the Nagorno Karabakh
9 Republic have shown tenacity and perseverance in the face of war, massacres, economic
10 deprivation, and other tremendous hardships; and
- 11 WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, the Nagorno Karabakh Republic has stayed true and
12 faithful to its citizens by remaining independent while working to bring change and stability
13 to the Caucasus region and by holding free and fair elections and referendums that were
14 widely declared as a model for the region; and
- 15 WHEREAS, international observers, including the United States, have assessed the May 3,
16 2015, Parliamentary Elections in the Nagorno Karabakh Republic as free and transparent.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body honor the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and its citizens; recognize
19 the sacrifices, dedication, and resolve shown by the people of the republic in the face of
20 extreme adversity; extend best wishes for peace, prosperity, and continuing success; and
21 encourage the international community to give appropriate recognition to the Nagorno
22 Karabakh Republic as a free, independent, and sovereign democracy.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 Nagorno Karabakh Republic.