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Condemning Azerbaijan's Unprovoked Military Attack on Armenia

On September 13, 2022 Azerbaijani armed forces attacked the Republic of Armenia, specifically six locations: Goris, Husulu, Jermuk, Novoivanovka, Sotk and Vardenis.

These attacks resulted in more than 200 people being killed. Sadly, this is a consistent pattern of Azerbaijani military aggression. Previously, in September 2020, Azerbaijan, with support from Turkey, launched a military assault on the Nagorno-Karabakh region, also known as Artsakh. Consequently, in March 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) passed a motion condemning the Azerbaijani invasion into the Nagorno-Karabakh region, also known as Artsakh. In March 2022, Azerbaijani armed forces forced the displacement of more than 400 people from Artsakh.

In response to these unprovoked attacks, the bipartisan co-chairs of the U.S. Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, Representatives Adam Schiff (D-CA), Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-N.J.), Gus M. Bilirakis (R-FL), Jackie Speier (D-CA) and David

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Valadao (R-CA) introduced H.Res.1351 – *Condemning Azerbaijan's Unprovoked Military Attack on Armenia*. This resolution condemns Azerbaijan for its September 13, 2022 unprovoked attack on Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, and calls for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire; urges President Biden to immediately cease all assistance to Azerbaijan pursuant to Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act and for the Biden Administration to be clear that further attacks on the region will result in sanctions and other measures; expresses American support of Armenia's sovereignty and territorial integrity and provides humanitarian assistance for victims of Azerbaijani aggression in both Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh.

Los Angeles County is home to the greatest number of Armenians outside of Armenia itself. This Board recognizes and honors the vast contributions of Armenian-Americans every April during Armenian History Month. This Board must continue to condemn the unprovoked attacks on Armenia and stand in solidarity with the Armenian people.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS take the following actions:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch to:
 - a. Send a five-signature letter in support of H.Res.1351 condemning Azerbaijan's unprovoked military attack on Armenia to Congressman Adam Schiff with copies to the Los Angeles County Congressional delegation.

2. Send a letter five-signature to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, as well as Representatives Frank Pallone, Anna Eshoo and Jackie Speier, as Members of the House Armenian Caucus, thanking them for their leadership and recent visit to Armenia to convey the United States' strong message of support for Armenia's democracy and security.

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