

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 99

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Condemns attacks by Azerbaijan against civilians in the Artsakh Republic.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** condemning attacks by Azerbaijan against
2 civilians in the Artsakh Republic.

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4 **WHEREAS**, The Artsakh Republic, a proud democracy, has been an
5 integral part of the Armenian homeland for thousands of years; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The Artsakh Republic, having legally declared its
7 independence and resisted years of Azerbaijan aggression,
8 consistently holds parliamentary and presidential elections that have
9 been rated as free and fair by international observers; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Civilians across the Artsakh Republic are under heavy
11 artillery, rocket, aerial, drone, and ground attacks by Azerbaijan,
12 with Turkish support and the active participation of foreign
13 militants; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The Artsakh Republic was one of the three parties to the
15 1994 cease-fire that ended major military hostilities between
16 Artsakh and Azerbaijan, and remains committed to a negotiated,
17 non-violent resolution through the Organization of Security and
18 Cooperation in Europe's Minsk Group; now, therefore,

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20 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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22 1. This House condemns attacks by Azerbaijan against the
23 civilians in the Artsakh Republic and recognizes the Artsakh
24 Republic's right to self-determination and independence, and
25 respectfully urges the President of the United States and the United
26 States Congress to do the same.

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28 2. This House respectfully urges the United States Senate to
29 pass Senate Resolution No. 754 and Senate Resolution No. 755,
30 introduced by Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey, to ensure
31 that the United States is not providing support to the actors
32 committing violations of international law and human rights against
33 the people of the Artsakh Republic.

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35 3. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
36 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President
37 of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the
38 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the
39 Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of
40 Representatives, and to every member of Congress elected from this
41 State.

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44 STATEMENT

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46 This resolution condemns attacks by Azerbaijan against civilians
47 in the Artsakh Republic, and respectfully urges the United States
48 Senate to pass Senate Resolution No. 754 and Senate Resolution

1 No. 755, introduced by Senator Robert Menendez. The Artsakh
2 Republic, a proud democracy, has been an integral part of the
3 Armenian homeland for thousands of years, and having legally
4 declared its independence and resisted years of Azerbaijani
5 aggression, consistently holds parliamentary and presidential
6 elections that have been rated as free and fair by international
7 observers.

8 Currently, civilians across the Artsakh Republic are under heavy
9 artillery, rocket, aerial, drone, and ground attacks by Azerbaijan,
10 with Turkish support and the active participation of foreign
11 militants. This House must condemn these violent attacks against
12 civilians in the Artsakh Republic and recognize the Artsakh
13 Republic's right to self-determination and independence. This
14 House also respectfully urges the United States Senate to pass S.Res
15 754 and S.Res 755, introduced by Senator Robert Menendez.