

1 [Condemning Ongoing Attacks in the Artsakh Republic and Urging the United States to Broker  
2 Cessation of Hostilities]

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3 **Resolution condemning the hostile military attacks escalating the conflict between**  
4 **Azerbaijan and Armenia; affirming support of House Resolution 1165, authored by**  
5 **Congresswoman Jackie Speier; and urging the United States to help broker a peaceful**  
6 **resolution and return to a ceasefire agreement.**

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8 WHEREAS, Military clashes between the Azerbaijani and Armenian military forces  
9 erupted in July 2020, and

10 WHEREAS, Beginning on September 27, 2020, the conflict was further escalated by a  
11 full military operation launched by Azerbaijan in the Artsakh Republic, also known as the  
12 Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh, that included attacks of Armenian civilian settlements; and

13 WHEREAS, The Artsakh Republic has been home to the Armenian people, still having  
14 preserved Armenian relics and cultural artifacts dating back two millennia; and

15 WHEREAS, The Artsakh Republic has developed democratic institutions, fostered a  
16 pluralist political system, and, over the past quarter century, held parliamentary and  
17 Presidential elections that have been rated as free and fair by international observers;

18 WHEREAS, The United States remains committed to the Organization for Security and  
19 Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) Minsk Group negotiations toward a durable and democratic  
20 resolution of outstanding status and security issues related to the Artsakh Republic; and

21 WHEREAS, That United States considers any effort to determine the future of the  
22 Artsakh Republic, formerly the Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh, by other than peaceful means,  
23 including acts of aggression, blockades, or violence against civilians, a threat to peace; and

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1           WHEREAS, Peace, stability, and democracy in this region are essential to the political,  
2 security, and economic interests of the United States and are matters of international concern;  
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4           WHEREAS, The potential of a wider conflict in the region is destabilizing especially as  
5 it can become a proxy war among other sovereign powers, including Turkey, Syria, Iran, and  
6 Russia; and

7           WHEREAS, On October 1, 2020, Congressman Jackie Speier introduced a  
8 bipartisan-supported House Resolution 1165 - Condemning Azerbaijan's military operation in  
9 Nagorno-Karabakh and denouncing Turkish interference in the conflict; and

10           WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to diverse communities, many of which have  
11 survived war and destruction to find refuge and start new chapters in their lives; and

12           WHEREAS, San Francisco experienced the local impact of the conflict with the rise of  
13 hate crimes against the Armenian community including destructive vandalism at the KZV  
14 Armenian School on Brotherhood Way in July 2020, in addition to shots fired at the school in  
15 September 2020; and an act of arson at the Armenian Community Cultural Center adjacent to  
16 St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church in September 2020; and

17           WHEREAS, San Francisco historically stands for human rights and recognizes its role  
18 as part the international community; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns the escalation of  
20 military operations in the Artsakh Republic and denounces interference by countries, such as  
21 Turkey, that further exacerbate the crisis; and, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the United States Congress and  
23 Federal Government to support brokering of a peaceful solution including an immediate  
24 ceasefire; and, be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors affirms support for House  
2 Resolution 1165; and

3           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
4 to remit copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State  
5 of the United States, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of  
6 Representative and the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and  
7 the San Francisco Congressional Delegation.

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