

1999 Assembly Resolution 12

ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: supporting an initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the situation in Cyprus.

Whereas, this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus; and

Whereas, the Republic of Cyprus has been divided and occupied by foreign forces since 1974 in violation of United Nations Resolutions; and

Whereas, the international community and the United States government have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from the territory of Cyprus; and

Whereas, there are internationally acceptable means to resolve the situation in Cyprus, including the demilitarization of Cyprus and the establishment of a multinational force to ensure the security of both communities in Cyprus; and

Whereas, a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would greatly benefit the security, and the political, economic and social well–being of all Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey; and

Whereas, the United Nations has repeatedly stated the parameters for such a solution, most recently in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1217, which was adopted on December 22, 1998, with United States support; and

Whereas, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1218 adopted on December 22, 1998, calls for reduction of tensions in the island, through a staged process aimed at limiting and then substantially reducing the level of all troops and armaments in Cyprus, ultimately leading to the demilitarization of the Republic of Cyprus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin assembly endorses United Nations Security Council Resolution 1217, as supported by the United States, to undertake significant efforts in order to promote substantial progress towards a solution of the Cyprus problem in 1999; and, be it further *Resolved, That* the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation.

State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin Representative Scott R. Jensen Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Charles R. Sanders Assembly Chief Clerk