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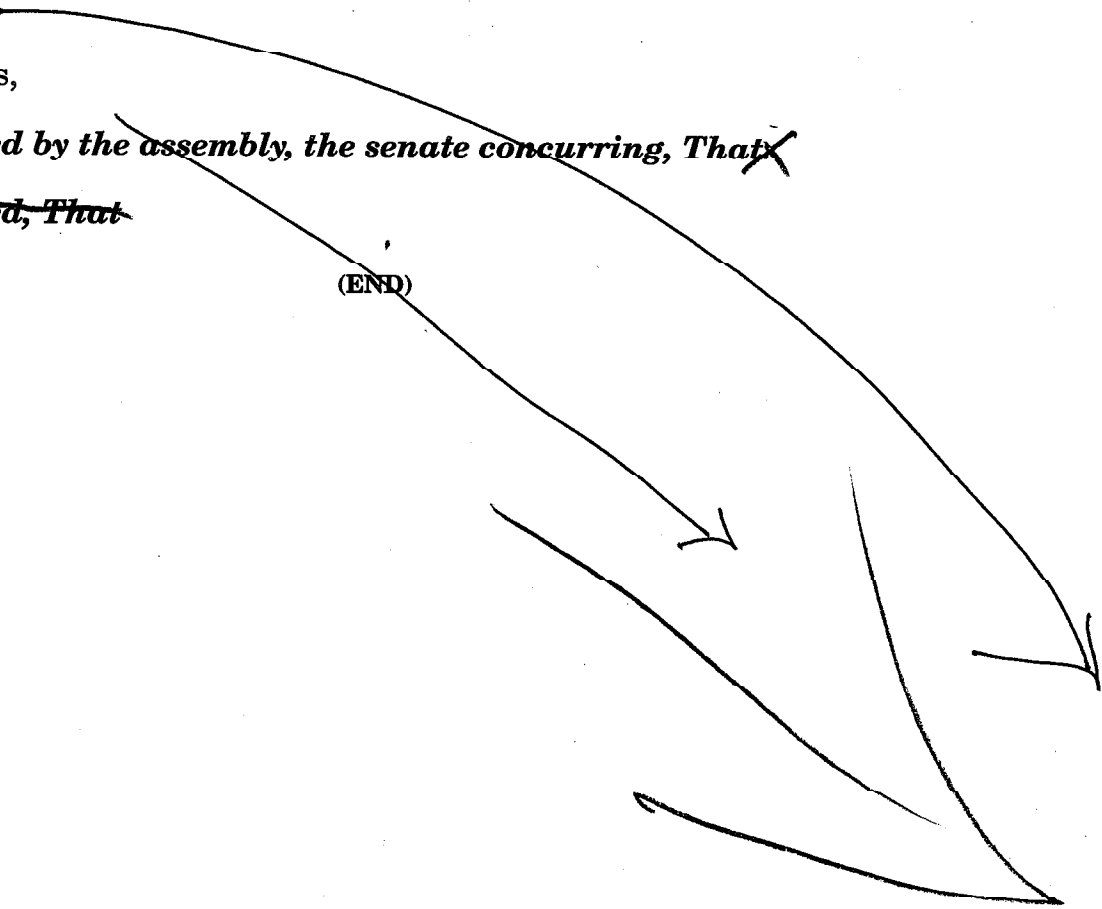
Relating to:

Whereas,

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That

~~*Resolved, That*~~

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Relating to the 1700th

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~~Draft Resolution for 1700th Anniversary of Armenian Christianity~~
~~Wisconsin Legislature Fall 2001~~

Whereas, in the first century after the resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Armenia was evangelized through the missionary efforts of His Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew, and the seeds of Christian faith were sown in the land, and

Whereas, in the year 301 A.D., by the grace of God and through the efforts of St. Gregory the Illuminator and King Tiridates, Armenia became the first nation in human history to adopt Christianity as its state religion, and

Whereas, the Armenian people cherish the memory of St. Gregory, a witness to the Christian faith who overcame persecution and torture at the hands of pagans, through whom the Eternal Truth of Christianity was revealed to King Tiridates and the Armenian royal family, and

Whereas, after his conversion and baptism, Tiridates and St. Gregory traveled throughout the country building churches and preaching the new faith to the people, as a result of which Christianity took firm root in Armenia, and

Whereas, in the year 406, the monk St. Mesrob Mashtots, with the support of Catholicos Sahag and King Vramshabuh, devised a unique phonetic alphabet for the Armenian language with which the Holy Bible and other religious texts were rendered into Armenian, so that the tenets of Christianity could be taught to the people, and

Whereas, the 5th century Armenian translation of the Bible is so beautifully rendered and so faithful to the earliest exemplars that it has been termed the "Queen of Translations" by biblical scholars, and

Whereas, in the year 451 A.D. an invasion from Persia which threatened to return Armenia to pagan worship was heroically resisted by St. Vartan Mamigonian who, with 1036 comrades, was martyred for the sake of Christ on the field of Avarayr, and

Whereas, in 484 A.D. the Armenians finally achieved victory over the Persians in the first war fought in defense of Christianity, and signed the Treaty of Nvarsak which allowed them to worship freely according to the tenets of the Christian faith, and

Whereas, the exquisitely beautiful and divinely inspired artistic creations of the Armenian Church in the fields of painting, sculpture, architecture, liturgical music, and sacred literature comprise a permanent and noteworthy contribution of the Armenians to world culture, and

Whereas

The Armenian people have remained steadfast in their Christian faith throughout the past 1700 years, despite martyrdom, persecution, massacres, and genocide in Turkey, and official atheism in the Soviet Union, and

Whereas For the past 1700 years, the Armenian Apostolic Church has been the unshakeable anchor of the Armenian people throughout the world, and

Whereas, In the past half century the Armenian Apostolic Church, as an autocephalous branch of Oriental Orthodox Christianity, has played a leading role in international ecumenical dialogue which seeks to reconcile Christian denominations throughout the world, and

that

Whereas, Armenians began arriving in America as early as 1619, bringing with them their faith and love of God, and beginning in 1898, established numerous churches from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific, where they could worship freely according to their tradition, and

Whereas For over a century, Armenians fleeing religious and political persecution have sought refuge in the State of Wisconsin, where they have lived in freedom, practiced their faith, and contributed to the progress of this state in every field of endeavor, and

Whereas The year 2001 represents the 1700th anniversary of the adoption of Christianity by the Armenian nation, and

Whereas On October 13, 2001, the ~~few~~ parishes of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Wisconsin, Holy Resurrection of South Milwaukee, St. Mesrob of Racine, St. Hagop of Racine, and St. John the Baptist of Greenfield, will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Translators, through whose efforts the Armenian nation was evangelized,

Now Therefore, be it Proclaimed, that October 13, 2001, be designated as

ARMENIAN CHRISTIANITY DAY

To be observed by all citizens of Wisconsin as homage to the 1700-year Christian heritage of the Armenian people.

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Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature designate

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Relating to: the 1,700th anniversary of Armenian Christianity.

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October 10, 2001

MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Plale

From: Attorney Peter J. Dykman, General Counsel

Re: LRB-3783/2 Anniversary of Armenian Christianity

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