2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

January 29, 2003 – Introduced by Senators KANAVAS and WELCH, cosponsored by Representatives VRAKAS, PETTIS, GROTHMAN, JESKEWITZ, HAHN, KRAWCZYK, M. LEHMAN, TOWNSEND, SUDER, ALBERS and HINES, by request of American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) Chapter 369 of Madison and Chapter 40 of Milwaukee. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: the 28th year of military occupation of Cyprus.
2	Whereas, the Republic of Cyprus has been divided and occupied by foreign
3	forces since 1974, in violation of United Nations resolutions; and
4	Whereas, the international community and the U.S. government have
5	repeatedly called for the withdrawal of all foreign military forces from the territory
6	of Cyprus; and
7	Whereas, there are internationally acceptable means to resolve the situation
8	in Cyprus, including demilitarization and the establishment of a multinational force
9	to ensure the security of both communities in Cyprus; and
10	Whereas, a peaceful, just, and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would
11	greatly benefit security, as well as the political, economic, and social well-being of
12	all Cypriots, while contributing to improve relations between Greece and Turkey;
13	and

1 Whereas, the United Nations has repeatedly stated the parameters for such a 2 solution, most recently in the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1217, 3 which was adopted on December 22, 1998, with United States support; and 4 Whereas, the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1218 adopted on 5 December 22, 1998, calls for reduction of tensions in the island, through a staged 6 process aimed at a limited and then substantially reduced level of all troops and 7 armaments in Cyprus, ultimately leading to the demilitarization of the Republic of 8 Cyprus; and 9 Whereas, President Bush wholeheartedly supported resolution 1218 and 10 committed himself to taking all necessary steps to support a sustained effort to 11 implement it; now, therefore, be it 12 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the 13 Wisconsin legislature endorse President Bush's commitment to undertake 14 significant efforts in order to promote substantial progress towards a solution of the 15 Cyprus problem in 2003, so that all in Cyprus may enjoy rights and freedoms 16 regardless of their ethnic origins; and, be it further 17 **Resolved**, **That** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint 18 resolution to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, to the speaker and clerk 19 of the U.S. house of representatives, and to each member of the congressional 20 delegation from this state attesting the adoption of this joint resolution by the 2003 21 senate of the state of Wisconsin.

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