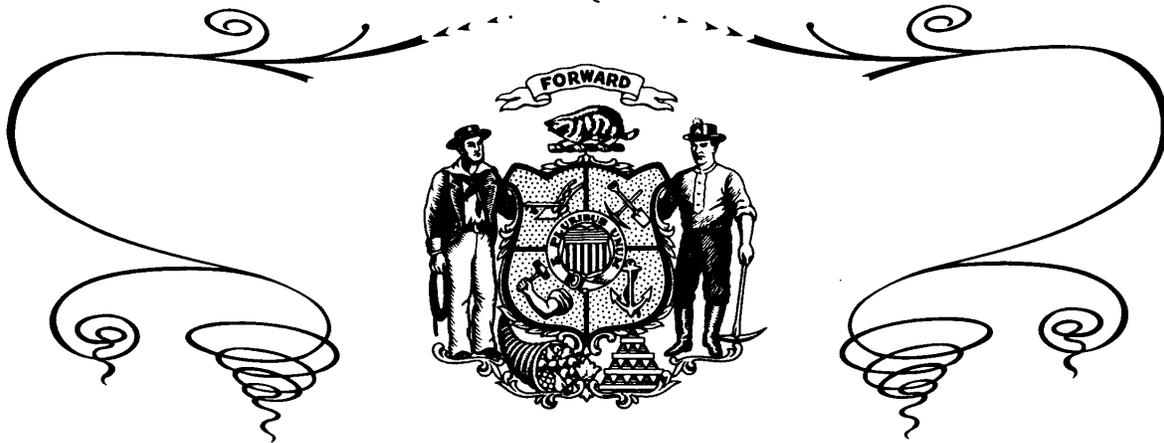


State of Wisconsin



1997 Assembly Resolution 17

ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: notifying the Wisconsin congressional delegation of the assembly's support for passage of House Congressional Resolution 81, which calls for a United States initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the situation in Cyprus.

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, during the past year tensions on Cyprus have dramatically increased, with violent incidents occurring along cease-fire lines at a level not reached since 1974; and

Whereas, recent events in Cyprus have heightened the potential for armed conflict in the region involving 2 North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, Greece and Turkey, which would threaten vital United States interests in the already volatile Eastern Mediterranean area and beyond; 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 1092, which was adopted on December 23, 1996, with United States support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin assembly endorses the legislation calling for the United States to support finding a solution to the Cyprus problem; 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