

2001 Senate Resolution 11

ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: the 27th year of military occupation of 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 U.S. government have repeatedly called for the withdrawal of all foreign military forces from the territory of Cyprus; and

Whereas, there are internationally acceptable means to resolve the situation in Cyprus, including demilitarization 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 security, as well as the political, economic, and social well-being of all Cypriots, while contributing to improve relations between Greece and Turkey; and

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

Whereas, the 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 a limited and then substantially reduced level of all troops and armaments in Cyprus, ultimately leading to the demilitarization of the Republic of Cyprus; and

Whereas, President Bush wholeheartedly supported resolution 1218 and committed himself to taking all necessary steps to support a sustained effort to implement it; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, That the members of the Wisconsin senate endorse President Bush's commitment to undertake significant efforts in order to promote substantial progress towards a solution of the Cyprus problem in 2001, so that all in Cyprus may enjoy rights and freedoms regardless of their ethnic origins; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives, and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state attesting the adoption of this resolution by the 2001 senate of the state of Wisconsin.

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Date	Donald J. Schneider Senate Chief Clerk