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

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