



1997 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 17

March 10, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives VRAKAS and HOVEN, by request of Order of AHEPA Chapter 369, Madison, Wisconsin. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

5 Whereas, the Republic of Cyprus has been divided and occupied by foreign
6 forces since 1974 in violation of United Nations resolutions; and

7 Whereas, the international community and the United States government
8 have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from the
9 territory of Cyprus; and

10 Whereas, there are internationally acceptable means to resolve the situation
11 in Cyprus, including the demilitarization of Cyprus and the establishment of a
12 multinational force to ensure the security of both communities in Cyprus; and

13 Whereas, during the past year tensions on Cyprus have dramatically increased,
14 with violent incidents occurring along cease-fire lines at a level not reached since
15 1974; and

1 Whereas, recent events in Cyprus have heightened the potential for armed
2 conflict in the region involving 2 North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, Greece
3 and Turkey, which would threaten vital United States interests in the already
4 volatile Eastern Mediterranean area and beyond; and

5 Whereas, a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would
6 greatly benefit the security, and the political, economic and social well-being, of all
7 Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey;
8 and

9 Whereas, the United Nations has repeatedly stated the parameters for such a
10 solution, most recently in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1092, which
11 was adopted on December 23, 1996, with United States support; now, therefore, be
12 it

13 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the Wisconsin assembly endorses the
14 legislation calling for the United States to support finding a solution to the Cyprus
15 problem; and, be it further

16 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
17 to each member of this state's congressional delegation.

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