



## 2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

March 24, 2009 - Introduced by Senators KANAVAS, PLALE, COGGS, ERPENBACH, LEHMAN, TAYLOR, MILLER and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives ZEPNICK, VUKMIR, BERCEAU, BIES, DANOU, JORGENSEN, LOTHIAN, PETROWSKI, POPE-ROBERTS, TOWNSEND and M. WILLIAMS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** celebrating March 25, 2009, as the 188th anniversary of Greek  
2           independence.

3           Whereas, on March 25, 1821, the Greek nation began its fight for independence  
4     and waged a successful War of Independence (1821-1829) and reinstated a  
5     democratic form of government; and

6           Whereas, it was Greece that first ignited the flame of freedom and is still known  
7     as the “cradle of democracy” by, during the sixth and fifth centuries B.C., in Athens,  
8     introducing to the world the idea of direct representative government, thus ushering  
9     in a golden age of art, architecture, philosophy, and drama under such giants of  
10    Western history as Pericles, Sophocles, Euripides, Socrates, and Plato; and

11          Whereas, a legacy of the Greek democratic ideal is the hope that it has always  
12    inspired in oppressed people throughout the history of the world, including the  
13    founding leaders of the United States of America who drew heavily on the democratic  
14    principles, political experience, and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming our  
15    representative form of government; and

