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**H. R. No. 369**

**Representatives Demetriou, Santucci**

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**A RESOLUTION**

To recognize the sovereignty of the Republic of 1  
Cyprus over the entirety of the island, and to 2  
memorialize the 50th anniversary of the Turkish 3  
invasion and occupation of the northern part of 4  
the island. 5

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, On July 20, 1974, Turkish troops invaded the 6  
island of Cyprus and captured and occupied the northern part of 7  
the island; and 8

WHEREAS, The Turkish invasion ended in the partition of 9  
Cyprus along the UN-monitored Green Line, which still divides 10  
Cyprus; and 11

WHEREAS, United Nations Security Council Resolution 360, 12  
adopted on August 16, 1974, declared the Council's respect for 13  
the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of the 14  
Republic of Cyprus, and formally recorded its disapproval of the 15  
unilateral military actions taken against it by Turkey; and 16

WHEREAS, In 1983, the Turkish Cypriot assembly declared 17  
independence of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. 18  
Immediately upon this declaration, Britain convened a meeting of 19  
the United Nations Security Council to condemn the declaration 20

as "legally invalid." United Nations Security Council Resolution 21  
541 (1983) stated the "attempt to create the Turkish Republic of 22  
Northern Cyprus is invalid, and will contribute to a worsening 23  
of the situation in Cyprus"; now therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 25  
Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of 26  
Ohio, in adopting this resolution, recognize the sovereignty of 27  
the Republic of Cyprus over the entirety of the island; and be 28  
it further 29

RESOLVED, That we memorialize the 50th anniversary of the 30  
Turkish invasion and occupation of the northern part of the 31  
island; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 33  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to the 34  
Ambassador of Cyprus at the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in 35  
the United States, to the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to 36  
the news media of Ohio. 37