



**Majority Whip Nick Santucci**  
*House General Government Committee*  
*Sponsor Testimony for House Resolution 13*  
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Chair Ray, Vice Chair Fischer, Ranking Member Brent, and Members of the House General Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Resolution 13.

This legislation is intended to show support for a nation whose sovereignty has been challenged. In July of 1974, the Republic of Turkey staged a military invasion of Cyprus and began the occupation of the northern part of the island that remains today. As a result of the 1974 invasion, 162,000 Greek-Cypriots were forced to leave their homes, and many have not been able to return due to the continued Turkish occupation of the northern part of the island.<sup>1</sup>

Trumbull County, where my district is located, is home to a significant population with Greek ancestry that has contributed greatly to our community. On behalf of my constituents of the 64<sup>th</sup> District, I encourage your support of House Resolution 13 to honor the people of Cyprus who have endured division and separation from their homes, and to demonstrate our continued recognition of their government's sovereignty over the entirety of the island.

Chair Ray, Vice Chair Fischer, Ranking Member Brent, and Members of the House General Government Committee, thank you again for giving me the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Resolution 13. Representative Demetriou and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

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<sup>1</sup> Republic of Cyprus Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "The Cyprus Question / Turkish military invasion and occupation." <https://www.gov.cy/mfa/documents/toyrkiki-stratitotiki-eisvoli-kai-katochi/>.