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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 70

- 2 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend Senate Resolution 70 on page 4, by
- 3 replacing line 17 with the following:
- 4 "and
- 5 WHEREAS, We rightly appreciate that the current Turkish
- 6 government has made positive improvements over the last 8 years
- 7 in its relation to the Ecumenical Patriarchate with respect to
- 8 the return of two significant properties formerly in dispute,
- 9 with respect to allowing Orthodox clergy in lands outside
- 10 Turkey to apply and gain citizenship in Turkey to help ensure
- 11 the possibility of patriarchal succession, and with respect to
- 12 the physical security of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the
- 13 recent uncovering and thwarting of a plotted assassination of
- 14 Patriarch Bartholomew; and
- 15 WHEREAS, We recognize that the current Turkish government

- has continued to negotiate and publicly address these and other 1
- 2 related issues with a commitment to their resolution in a
- 3 manner acceptable to all interested parties; and
- 4 WHEREAS, We are encouraged by the improving relationships
- between the Greek and Turkish people here in the State of 5
- Illinois and between the peoples of Greece and Turkey; 6
- 7 therefore, be it".