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H. RES. 432

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the unification of the Island of Crete with the Hellenic Republic and expressing support for designation of December 1, 2013, as “Cretan Enosis Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2013

Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. GRIMM, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. TSONGAS, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the unification of the Island of Crete with the Hellenic Republic and expressing support for designation of December 1, 2013, as “Cretan Enosis Day”.

Whereas December 1, 2013, has been recognized as the 100th anniversary of the 1913 unification (ENOSIS) of the Island of Crete with the Hellenic Republic, by communities, citizens, and organizations around the United States and the world;

Whereas the unification of the Island of Crete with the Hellenic Republic on December 1, 1913, resulted from over 267 years of struggle by the brave and resolute Greek

people of Crete against the harsh occupation of the Ottoman Empire beginning in 1669;

Whereas the knowledge of this relentless struggle for freedom by the people of Crete, culminating in the signing of the Treaty of London which unified Crete with the Hellenic Republic, is an inspiration to freedom-loving people everywhere;

Whereas the memory of thousands of brave Cretans who sacrificed their lives following the creed “Freedom or Death” in order to gain freedom and unification with Greece, its motherland, should be remembered and revered; and

Whereas December 1, 2013, would be an appropriate date to designate as “Cretan Enosis Day” in recognition of these brave deeds and sacrifices by the people of the Island of Crete: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes the 100th anniversary of the uni-
- 3 fication of the Island of Crete with the Hellenic Re-
- 4 public; and
- 5 (2) supports the designation of “Cretan Enosis
- 6 Day” in recognition of these brave deeds and sac-
- 7 rifices by the people of the Island of Crete.

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