

Amendment No. 96

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| Assembly Amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 4                          | (BDR R-885) |
| Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections      |             |
| Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: Yes Digest: No |             |

| ASSEMBLY ACTION |                          |      | Initial and Date         | SENATE ACTION |              |                          | Initial and Date |                          |  |
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) *green bold underlining* is newly added transitory language.

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4—SENATOR CEGAVSKE

FEBRUARY 12, 2013

JOINT ~~SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN~~ SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN HARDY  
AND OHRENSCHALL

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Urges the Government of Turkey to grant the Ecumenical Patriarch international recognition and to respect the human rights and property rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. (BDR R-885)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the Government of Turkey to grant the Ecumenical Patriarch international recognition and to respect the human rights and property rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

WHEREAS, The Ecumenical Patriarchate, located in Istanbul, Turkey, is the Sacred See that presides in a spirit of brotherhood over a communion of self-governing churches of the Orthodox Christian world; and

WHEREAS, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the See leader, cosponsored the Conference on Peace and Tolerance in 1994 and 2005, fostering an interfaith dialogue among Christian, Jewish and Muslim religious leaders to help end regional ethnic conflicts; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, the United States Congress awarded Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew the Congressional Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, The Orthodox Christian Church, in existence for nearly 2,000 years, numbers approximately 300 million members worldwide with more than 2 million members in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Since 1453, the presence of the Ecumenical Patriarchate as international head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Turkey testifies to religious coexistence; and

WHEREAS, The Turkish Government has limited those able to hold the office of Ecumenical Patriarch to Turkish nationals, threatening the viability of succession; and

WHEREAS, The Turkish Government confiscated a large percentage of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's and the Greek community's properties, placed a high tax on one of the Patriarchate's charity hospitals, the Baloukli Hospital and Home for the Aged, and closed the Theological School of Halki in 1971, impeding Orthodox clergy training; and

1 WHEREAS, The European Council is involved in ongoing accession  
2 negotiations with Turkey, and the Turkish Government's current treatment of the  
3 Ecumenical Patriarchate is inconsistent with the defined membership criteria for  
4 accession to the European Union; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY,  
6 That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby urge the  
7 Government of Turkey to uphold and safeguard religious and human rights without  
8 compromise, to grant the Ecumenical Patriarch appropriate international  
9 recognition, including ecclesiastic succession and the right to train clergy of all  
10 nationalities, and to respect the human rights and property rights of the Ecumenical  
11 Patriarchate, including cessation of discrimination; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this  
13 resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United  
14 States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House  
15 of Representatives, the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, the  
16 Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to the United States and each member of the  
17 Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.