

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H. RES. 376
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Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas Turkey has been a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member since 1952 and is thus a treaty ally of the United States;

Whereas modern Turkey was founded upon the principles of republicanism and secularism;

Whereas President Erdogan and his Justice and Development Party have used their nearly two decades in power to weaken Turkey's judiciary, install political allies in key military and intelligence positions, crack down on free speech and free press, and wrongfully imprison political opponents, journalists and minorities;

Whereas under President Erdogan, Turkey seeks to establish itself as the dominant power in the Eastern Mediterranean, North Africa, and the Caucasus, and has taken provocative actions toward NATO allies, the European Union, and the broader region;

Whereas under President Erdogan's leadership, Turkey has engaged in repeated aggression toward Cyprus;

Whereas Turkey's military invaded the Republic of Cyprus in 1974, and the northern third of the island has been illegally administered by Turkish Cypriots with support from the Government of Turkey since then;

Whereas the Government of Turkey has tolerated or abetted the desecration of more than 500 Orthodox Christian churches and religious sites in the territory of the Republic of Cyprus;

Whereas as a member of the Council of Europe, Turkey is compelled to comply with the judgements of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR);

Whereas the ECHR has issued decisions and judgments in which the Court confirms that persons, including United States citizens, who hold title to real property located in the area of the Republic of Cyprus under the illegal administration by Turkish Cypriots with Turkish support are the only rightful owners of that real property, but Turkey has refused to comply with the ECHR judgement;

Whereas despite having agreed to do so, the Government of Turkey has failed to sufficiently support international efforts to find and identify the remains of persons, including four United States citizens and over 1,000 Cypriot citizens who remain missing since the Turkish invasion of the Republic of Cyprus in 1974;

Whereas Turkey illegally violates Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone;

Whereas President Erdogan illegally reopened parts of the Varosha beachfront in October 2020 and the Turkish Cypriots, with President Erdogan's support, announced the partial reopening of the town of Varosha on July 20, 2021, both of which are inconsistent with United Nations Security Council Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992); and

Whereas President Erdogan has openly called for a “two-state” solution regarding Cyprus, in violation of United Nations resolutions, international law, and the position of the United States Government, which is that a Cyprus solution should be within the framework of a bizonal, bicomunal federation: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

1 That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) strongly condemns Turkey’s continued mili-
3 tary presence in Cyprus, and calls upon Turkey to
4 immediately withdraw all of its estimated 35,000
5 troops from the island;

6 (2) calls upon Turkey to adhere to the demo-
7 cratic principles and mission of the North Atlantic
8 Treaty Organization;

9 (3) calls on Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots to
10 reverse the provocative unilateral actions in Varosha
11 that are in breach of international law, increase ten-
12 sions and hinder efforts to resume Cyprus settle-
13 ment talks in accordance with United Nations Secu-
14 rity Council resolutions;

15 (4) condemns Turkey for its support of the
16 Turkish Cypriot actions in Varosha and calls for the
17 transfer of the Varosha area to its lawful inhab-
18 itants under the temporary administration of the

1 United Nations in accordance with United Nations
2 Security Council Resolution 550 (1984);

3 (5) reiterates that the comprehensive settlement
4 of the Cyprus problem needs to be based on a bi-
5 zonal, bicomunal federation with political equity, in
6 accordance with the relevant United Nations Secu-
7 rity Council resolutions;

8 (6) calls on Turkey to cease its illegal inter-
9 ference in Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone;

10 (7) calls on the Government of Turkey to pro-
11 vide avenues for United States and Cypriot citizens
12 to seek financial remedies or restitution for their
13 property losses in the territory of Cyprus illegally
14 controlled by Turkish Cypriots with Government of
15 Turkey support;

16 (8) demands Turkey's cooperation in helping
17 recover the four United States citizens and over
18 1,000 Cypriot citizens who are still missing as a re-
19 sult of the 1974 invasion of Cyprus; and

20 (9) encourages the United States to engage
21 with like-minded partners in United Nations efforts
22 to seek a resolution of the situation in Varosha and
23 a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem.

Amend the title so as to read: “Condemning Turkey
for its repeated aggression toward Cyprus.”

