

SENATE No. 175

To accompany the petition of James J. Corbett that provision be made for an annual proclamation relative to the observance of the anniversary of Greek independence. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL PROCLAMATION RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE.

Whereas, On March twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred twenty-one, the Greece of modern times once again became an independent nation through the never-ceasing faith, hope and courage of her people; and

Whereas, In the century that followed Greece has struggled unceasingly to preserve her freedom and the freedom of the world with the same indomitable spirit of the ancient Lacedæmonians at Thermopylæ; and

Whereas, Even today Greece is in the forefront of the struggle to stem the tide of communism which threatens to engulf the free world and to impose its slavery upon all people, everywhere; and

Whereas, Citizens of Greek origin and descent have greatly contributed to the progress of the United States and are loyal, industrious and law-abiding as is eminently befitting an ancient cultured race; and have settled throughout our state and country entering various phases of American life, and contributed greatly thereto, and are noted for their community spirit in matters of charity and humane consideration; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the senate of the commonwealth of Massachusetts acknowledges the contribution made to our state

and nation by citizens of Hellenic origin by endorsing the annual celebration of the anniversary of Greek Independence on March twenty-fifth; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts shall annually issue, publish and declare an appropriate proclamation to the citizens of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, designating its observance.