

Bill as Introduced

HCR 27 - AS INTRODUCED

2010 SESSION

10-2648
08/09

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **27**

A RESOLUTION urging that the United Kingdom return the Parthenon (Elgin) marbles to Greece.

SPONSORS: Rep. T. Katsiantonis, Hills 15; Rep. Baroody, Hills 13; Rep. Rokas, Hills 12

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This resolution urges the United Kingdom to return the Parthenon (Elgin) marbles to Greece.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten

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1 Whereas, 253 ancient statues and other works of art were removed from the Parthenon in
2 Athens, Greece in 1800 and transported to the British National Museum in London, England; and

3 Whereas, these marbles are masterpieces of art embodying values of a lasting importance and
4 bespeak the dishonor of those who fragmented them, traded them, and removed them from their
5 original contexts; and

6 Whereas, many communities around the world have called for the return of the marbles to their
7 place of origin so that they may be reunited with the other Parthenon sculptures, thus rebuilding the
8 great monument of the Parthenon which is one of the most emblematic monuments of humanity;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

11 That the New Hampshire state legislature urges the British government to return the Elgin
12 marbles to Greece so they may be reunited with the remaining Parthenon marbles; and

13 That signed copies of this resolution be transmitted by the house clerk to the President of the
14 United States of America, the President of the Senate of the United States of America, the
15 United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of
16 the United States of America, and the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HCR 27

BILL TITLE: urging that the United Kingdom return the Parthenon (Elgin) marbles to Greece.

DATE: January 19, 2010

LOB ROOM: 305 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 4:07 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 4:20 p.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. P. Garrity, Domingo, K. Roberts, Haley, Sweeney, Hutz, G. Katsiantonis, Chininis, Hardy, P. Katsiantonis, Baldasaro, Twombly, Priestly, L. Christensen, Emiro, Fields, Pepino and T. Smith, A. Cushing

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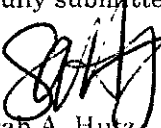
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Respectfully submitted,


Rep. Sarah A. Hutz,
Clerk

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Testimony

Resolution For the Return of the Sculptures of Parthenon To Greece

The 253 ancient statues and other works of art Elgin had removed from the Parthenon in 1800, When Greece was under Turkish rule, and transported them to London, must be returned to the Parthenon, the most emblematic monument of humanity, a monument shedding radiating light through out the world.

In an era where Europe boasts about its high cultural standard, it is inadmissible for it to tolerate in its bosom, the existence, for more than two centuries, of treasures that have been fragmented and removed from the Parthenon.

They are masterpieces of art embodying values of a lasting importance, bespeaking the dishonor of those who fragmented them, traded them and removed them from their real symbolic contexts.

Their separation from their place of origin can be accepted no longer. The time has come for them to be re-instated to the place where they belong and to be reunited with the other Parthenon sculptures, especially now when the last argument used by England as a pretext for not returning the marbles, namely that there is no appropriate space in a museum to put them in, can no longer hold water, after the inauguration of the new Acropolis museum.

Sincerely,
State Representative
Thomas Katsiantonis



Museum History



Complete Document

Can Be Viewed

In Bill Folder

HCE27 File
G. Katsiantonis



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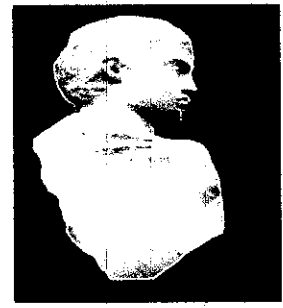
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A generous offer by the Greek Government

An offer that would be difficult to refuse.

The Greek Government has now proposed to the British Government to put aside the question of ownership. Instead the Greeks are inviting their colleagues at the British Museum to join them with the aim of reuniting the surviving sculptures in one place: in the new Acropolis Museum that will be expressly built in order to house all the Parthenon sculptures. This offer was clearly proposed by two Greek Ministers of Culture and expressly stated by Foreign Minister George Papandreou who gave evidence on 5th June 2000 to the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sports Committee.

Furthermore, Mr. Evangelos Venizelos, the Greek Minister pledged that when the Parthenon sculptures are returned the Greek Government will make sure that the Duveen Galleries would always host Greek antiquities on loan for exhibitions. Greece would be willing to send rare and even newly discovered antiquities, which have never been seen outside Greece.



They should be relocated in Athens.

The Parthenon symbol of Greek cultural heritage.

The Parthenon is the most important symbol of Greek cultural heritage and according to the declaration of universal human and cultural rights the Greek State has a duty to preserve its cultural heritage in its totality, both for its citizens and for the international community. Therefore the request for the reunification of the sculptural elements of the Parthenon is ipso facto a rightful if not a legitimate request.

The display of the sculptures at the Duveen Galleries of the British Museum is unsatisfactory.

The Parthenon sculptures are not properly displayed at the British Museum. Not only they appear as if they form a whole, which they are not - as there is no indication where the missing slabs should have been.

expertise.

For more informatuion visit www.unesco.org and www.culture.gr



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Motions: OTP OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. T. Katsiantonis

Seconded by Rep. Baldasaro

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

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MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Rollo, Michael S, Chairman		
Garrity, Patrick F, V Chairman	Y	
Domingo, Baldwin M	a	
Roberts, Kris E	Y	
Haley, Robert J	Y	
Sweeney, Cynthia P	X	
Hutz, Sarah A, Clerk	a	
Katsiantonis, George	Y	
Chininis, Alexis C	Y	
Hardy, Valerie S	Y	
Katsiantonis, Thomas	Y	
Baldasaro, Alfred P	Y	
Twombly, James E	Y	
Priestley, Anne K	a	
Christiansen, Lars T	Y	
Emiro, Frank R	X	
Fields, Dennis H	Y	
Pepino, Leo P	Y	
Smith, Todd P	Y	
Cushing Renay	Y	
Beth ARSINAIT	Y	
TOTAL VOTE:	16	8

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 27, 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS to which was referred HCR27,

AN ACT urging that the United Kingdom return the Parthenon (Elgin) marbles to Greece. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Thomas Katsiantonis

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
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Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 16-0.

Rep. Thomas Katsiantonis
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Committee Report State & Federal

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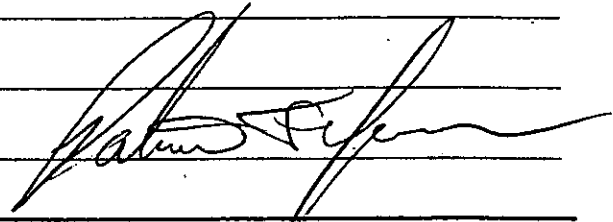
DATE: 1 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
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- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 16 - 0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. Thomas Katsiarou
For the Committee