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Senate Resolution No. 28—Relative to Greek Independence Day.

1 WHEREAS, Our democratic system of government traces its
2 earliest roots back to ancient Greece; and
3 WHEREAS, The leaders of the American Revolution and the
4 framers of the Constitution often drew inspiration from Athenian
5 lawgivers and philosophers and called the Greek example to mind
6 as they sought to build the new nation on the foundations of
7 representative government and free political discourse; and
8 WHEREAS, The Greeks of 1821 drew inspiration, in turn, from
9 the ideals and institutions of the fledgling United States as they
10 waged their own struggle for liberty; and
11 WHEREAS, Greece and the United States have stood together
12 as friends and allies from the time America embraced modern
13 Greece’s struggle for independence 191 years ago; and
14 WHEREAS, Our alliance with Greece remains strong, and its
15 future is promising; and
16 WHEREAS, Greeks and Americans share a love of freedom,
17 liberty, and individual rights, and the friendship between our two
18 nations is based on mutual respect, a commitment to common
19 goals, and the sharing of fundamental values; and
20 WHEREAS, Ties of blood and kinship also unite Greeks and
21 Americans; the modern community of approximately three million
22 Greek Americans has established a natural and enduring bridge
23 between our nations; and
24 WHEREAS, Today, we take special note of those citizens and
25 thank them for their innumerable contributions to our nation’s
26 cultural, economic, and political heritage; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
2 hereby designates March 25, 2012, as Greek Independence Day,
3 and calls upon all the people of the State of California to observe
4 this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
6 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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