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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Citizens of Macedonia, Greece - Hellenic Descendants**

3 FOR the purpose of recognizing that the ancient Macedonians were Hellenes and that
4 the current inhabitants of the northern province of Greece, Macedonia, are
5 Hellenic descendants; recognizing that the history of ancient Macedonia has
6 been Hellenic for a certain number of years; and generally relating to the
7 recognition of ancient Macedonians, current inhabitants of Macedonia, and
8 Hellenic descendants.

9 WHEREAS, Philip of Macedonia, his son, Alexander the Great, and his tutor,
10 the philosopher Aristotle, were born and raised in the northern province of Greece,
11 Macedonia; and

12 WHEREAS, The language and culture of the ancient Macedonians, the
13 ancestors of the inhabitants of northern Greece of today, were Hellenes; and

14 WHEREAS, The ancient Macedonians, like the rest of the Hellenes in antiquity,
15 believed in the gods of Olympus and participated with their fellow Hellenes in the
16 Olympic Games; and

17 WHEREAS, Pella, the palace where Alexander the Great was born, and Vergina,
18 the burial site of the Macedonian kings, are all located in northern Greece; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
21 ancient Macedonians were Hellenes, and that the inhabitants of Macedonia today are
22 Hellenic descendants and part of the northern province of Greece, Macedonia; and be
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That the history of ancient Macedonia has been Hellenic for 3,000
25 years and continues to be today; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
27 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
28 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
29 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.