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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 70

2 AMENDMENT NO. ____ . Amend Senate Resolution 70 on page 4, by
3 replacing line 17 with the following:

4 "and

5 WHEREAS, We rightly appreciate that the current Turkish
6 government has made positive improvements over the last 8 years
7 in its relation to the Ecumenical Patriarchate with respect to
8 the return of two significant properties formerly in dispute,
9 with respect to allowing Orthodox clergy in lands outside
10 Turkey to apply and gain citizenship in Turkey to help ensure
11 the possibility of patriarchal succession, and with respect to
12 the physical security of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the
13 recent uncovering and thwarting of a plotted assassination of
14 Patriarch Bartholomew; and

15 WHEREAS, We recognize that the current Turkish government

1 has continued to negotiate and publicly address these and other
2 related issues with a commitment to their resolution in a
3 manner acceptable to all interested parties; therefore, be it".