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**H. C. R. No. 19**

**Representative Yuko**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Mecklenborg, Celeste, Pillich,  
Letson, Gerberry, Combs, Dovilla, Stinziano, Sykes**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To support the rights of Macedonians living in the 1  
Balkans to speak their language, to practice their 2  
customs, and to be granted all of the civil and 3  
human rights required by international law. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, In 1991, over 95 per cent of the voters of Macedonia 5  
voted for independence from Yugoslavia in a national referendum 6  
that was subsequently confirmed with a declaration for 7  
independence adopted by the first multi-party Macedonian 8  
Parliament; and 9

WHEREAS, In 1993, the Republic of Macedonia became a member 10  
of the United Nations; and 11

WHEREAS, In 1994, the United States recognized the Republic 12  
of Macedonia as a sovereign state; and 13

WHEREAS, In 2004, the United States became the first country 14  
to recognize the Republic of Macedonia with its official and 15  
constitutional name; and 16

WHEREAS, The Republic of Macedonia has been cited and honored 17

by President George W. Bush and the United States Department of 18  
Defense for its support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and 19

WHEREAS, There is a large contingency of Macedonians living 20  
within Ohio; now therefore be it 21

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 22  
of the State of Ohio, support the rights of Macedonians living 23  
throughout the Balkans to speak their language, to attend schools 24  
and churches with classes and services offered in their language, 25  
to practice their customs, to be able to call themselves 26  
Macedonians, and to be granted all of the civil and human rights 27  
required by international law; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 29  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 30  
President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker and 31  
Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President 32  
Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the members 33  
of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the Governor of the State of 34  
Ohio, and the news media of Ohio. 35