



ΧΑΡΙΣ ΣΕ ΠΡΩΤΟΒΟΥΛΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΓΕΡΟΥΣΙΑΣΤΗ DAVID CLARKE

## Δύο φιλελληνικά ψηφίσματα από την πολιτειακή Βουλή

Με πρωτοβουλία του πολιτειακού γερουσιαστή David Clarke, υιοθετήθηκαν την περασμένη Πέμπτη από το Κοινοβούλιο της Νέας Νότιας Ουαλίας δύο φιλελληνικά ψηφίσματα. Ο πρόεδρος της Ελληνικής Υπουργικής Συμβουλευτικής Επιτροπής (Greek Community Ministerial Consultative Committee) πρότεινε ψηφίσματα α') για τα 100 χρόνια της απελευθέρωσης της Θεσσαλονίκης και της δυτικής Μακεδονίας από τον οθωμανι-

κό ζυγό και β') για την 72ή επέτειο του ΟΧΙ. Μεταξύ άλλων, ο κ. Clarke, γνωστός στην παροικία της Νέας Νότιας Ουαλίας για την τακτική του παρουσία σε εκδηλώσεις της παροικίας μας, πρότεινε η πολιτειακή Γερουσία να «συγχαρεί την ελληνική παροικία με την ευκαιρία των 'Δημητρίων' και της εκατονταετηρίδας της απελευθέρωσης της Θεσσαλονίκης και της δυτικής Μακεδονίας και την επανένωσή τους με την Ελλάδα, καθώς και να συγχαρεί την Παμμακεδο-

νική Ένωση ΝΝΟ και το Αυστραλιανό Ελληνικό Συμβούλιο ΝΝΟ για τις υπηρεσίες που προσφέρουν στην Ελληνική παροικία και στον λαό της Νέας Νότιας Ουαλίας». Ο ΚΟΣΜΟΣ συγχαίρει τον κ. Clarke για την πρωτοβουλία του και εύχεται να βρίσκεται πάντα στο πλευρό του Ελληνισμού, όπως κι ο Ελληνισμός στο πλευρό αυτών που μας υποστηρίζουν. Παρακάτω Ο ΚΟΣΜΟΣ παρουσιάζει τα πλήρη κείμενα και των δύο ψηφισμάτων.

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### DIMITRIA FESTIVAL AND THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THESSALONIKA AND WEST MACEDONIA

Motion by the Hon. DAVID CLARKE agreed to:

1. That this House notes that:

(a) on Friday 26 October 2012 two events, the Dimitria Festival and the 100th Anniversary of the Liberation of Thessalonika and West Macedonia from the Ottoman Empire and their Re-Unification with Greece, were celebrated at the New South Wales Parliament at a function jointly organised by the Pan-Macedonian Association of NSW, represented by its President, Mr Chris Papapetrou and the Australian Hellenic Council of NSW, represented by Dr Panayiotis Diamadis, and

(b) those who attended as guests at the celebration included:

(i) the Honourable Sophie Cotsis MLC, Parliamentary Host for the event and Shadow Minister for Local Government, Housing and the Status of Women, representing Mr John Robertson MP, Member for Blacktown and Leader of the New South Wales Opposition, (ii) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice, (iii) Reverend Father Nikolaos Tsouloukidis, representing His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos Harkianakis, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in

Australia, (iv) His Grace Bishop Serpheim, Metropolitan of the Diocese of Kythera and Antikythera, Greece,

(v) His Excellency Mr Vasileios Tolios, Greek Consul-General, (vi) Mr Harry Danalis, President of the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Inc., (vii) Mr Demetrios Kameto Poulos, representing the Australian Hellenic Educators Association, (viii) Mr Theodore Koukoulis, Mayor of Kythera, Greece, (ix) representatives of the Kytherian Association of Australia and the United Benevolent Pontian Brotherhood of NSW, (x) representatives of other Greek-Australian community organisations.

2. That this House:

(a) congratulates the Greek-Australian community on the occasion of the Dimitria Festival and the 100th Anniversary of the Liberation of Thessalonika and West Macedonia and their Re-Unification with Greece, and

(b) commends the Pan-Macedonian Association of NSW and the Australian Hellenic Council of NSW for their service to the Greek Australian community and to the people of New South Wales.



Ο γερουσιαστής Ντέιβιντ Κλαρκ παραβρίσκει πολύ συχνά σε εκδηλώσεις της ελληνικής παροικίας, όπως έκανε πρόσφατα στην εκδήλωση της Ελληνικής Ορθόδοξης Κοινότητας ΝΝΟ για την επέτειο του «ΟΧΙ», απ' όπου κι η φωτογραφία, με τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Στυλιανό, τον πρόεδρο της Κοινότητας Χάρη Δανάλη και τον γερουσιαστή Άθα Συνοδινό.

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### SEVENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK NATIONAL DAY

Motion by the Hon. DAVID CLARKE agreed to:

1. That this House notes that:

(a) on Sunday 28 October 2012, the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Inc. held a celebration to commemorate the 72nd Anniversary of Greek National Day at the Greek Orthodox Community Centre, Lakemba,

(b) Greek National Day marks the day when, on 28 October 1940, Greece defiantly refused the demand of Mussolini to allow Italian military occupation of Greece,

(c) immediately following this refusal Italy invaded Greece but was defeated by the far smaller Greek military forces,

(d) this was followed by a German invasion and occupation of Greece for the remainder of World War II, a period during which the Greek people gained international admiration for their heroic underground resistance, and

(e) those who attended as guests at the celebratory commemoration organised by the Greek Orthodox Community included: (i) His Eminence, Archbishop Stylianos Harkianakis, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in Australia, (ii) His Excellency Mr Vasileios Tolios, Greek Consul-General, (iii) Senator Arthur Sinodinos, representing the Honourable Tony

Abbott MP, Leader of the Federal Opposition, (iv) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice, representing the Honourable Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of New South Wales, (v) Mr Guy Zangari MP, Member for Fairfield, representing Mr John Robertson MP, Leader of the New South Wales Opposition, (vi) the Honourable John Hatzistergos, former New South Wales Attorney General, (vii) representatives of other Greek community organisations.

2. That this House acknowledges and commends:

(a) the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Inc. for its 114 years of continuous service to the Greek-Australian community and to the people of New South Wales, including its initiatives in:

(i) organising the annual Greek Festival of Sydney, (ii) establishing the Greek Archival Centre, afternoon schools, child-care centres and aged-care facilities on behalf of the Greek-Australian community, and

(b) the President of the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Inc., Mr Harry Danalis, for his many years of service to that organisation and to the New South Wales community generally.