
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, ACADEMIC, POLITICAL, AND
ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII AND THE
REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.

1 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United States of
2 America are long-standing allies that cherish the universal
3 values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and
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5 WHEREAS, in its alliance with the United States, the
6 Republic of Turkey demonstrates a commitment to world peace and
7 liberty, as well as a tolerance of others regarding secular and
8 religious issues; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey, the world's fifteenth
11 largest economy and Europe's sixth largest economy, is a valued
12 trading partner with the State of Hawaii, and is to be commended
13 on its contributions to the global economy; and
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15 WHEREAS, in 2009, Turkish exports to the United States
16 totaled about \$3,300,000,000, and United States exports to
17 Turkey totaled about \$8,600,000,000; and
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19 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2009, the United States and the
20 Republic of Turkey launched a new cabinet-level initiative
21 called the Framework for Strategic Economic and Commercial
22 Cooperation to increase trade and investment relations; and
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24 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the Republic of Turkey
25 enjoy a strong, vibrant, and mutually beneficial economic
26 relationship, with the prospect of future growth; and
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1 WHEREAS, it is the custom of the State of Hawaii to welcome
2 all who come to our State, especially those who come in the
3 interest of friendship and commerce; and
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5 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2011, the Pacifica Institute hosted
6 the First Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner to promote peace
7 and a better understanding of the Hawaii Turkish-American
8 community among all of Hawaii's multi-cultural population; and
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10 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Hawaii
11 to further cultivate the mutually beneficial relationship
12 between the State of Hawaii and the Republic of Turkey and other
13 Turkic Nations; and
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15 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives
16 to recognize the value of maintaining beneficial relationships
17 with our allies, and the contributions of our allies, including
18 the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey and the value
19 of our positive relationship with this ally; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes
24 the long standing relationship between Hawaii and the Republic
25 of Turkey, looks forward to building upon our time-honored
26 friendship, as well as promoting the cultural, educational,
27 academic, political, and economic relations between the people
28 of Hawaii and the Republic of Turkey; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Pacifica Institute
32 and the West America Turkic Council.
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